

**Healthy at Worship – Archdiocese of Louisville
Masses and other Liturgical Celebrations**

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I. General Information

1. Beginning Saturday, June 12, parishes that are ready to do so may move to 100% occupancy.
2. At this time, Archbishop Kurtz is not restoring the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. This action will likely take place in mid-July; more details will follow.
3. Parishes are asked to continue to communicate with parishioners who are unable to attend Mass, to visit them, and make sacraments available to them if possible. Parishes may wish to continue to make live-stream liturgies available.
4. The directives outlined in this document are to be observed for all events held in the church, including but not limited to funerals, weddings, Eucharistic adoration, and prayer services.
5. The directives outlined in this document are to be observed for other in-person gatherings on church property, such as study groups and meetings. Parishes are encouraged to continue to utilize virtual meeting technology when appropriate.
6. Parishes are encouraged to utilize all avenues of parish communications, as well as clear signage on-site, to communicate safety protocols as they evolve.
7. The wearing of masks is optional for fully-vaccinated individuals. Though the Commonwealth has lifted the mask mandate for all persons, it is recommended that those who are not fully vaccinated continue to wear masks indoors.
8. When ministers of the Church visit hospitals and other facilities, the policies in place at those facilities are to be followed at all times, even if these are more restrictive than archdiocesan guidelines.

Directives for Liturgical Celebrations

1. Holy Communion is distributed to the faithful under the species of bread only. For the time being, please continue to suspend distribution of the chalice to the faithful. If possible, use additional chalices for concelebrant(s) and/or deacon(s). We will continue to study this issue and will provide further instructions as soon as they are available.
2. Members of the faithful have the right to receive Holy Communion in the hand or on the tongue.

3. Parishes may exercise pastoral judgment in returning to pre-pandemic liturgical practices in areas such as music ministry, hospitality ministry, lector ministry, the use of holy water, the exchange of peace, Children's Liturgy of the Word, presenting bread and wine at the preparation of gifts, collecting monetary offerings, baptism by immersion, RCIA, and other items not specifically mentioned in this document. Consider the readiness of your assembly before making any changes.
4. Provide hand sanitizer at all church entrances. Have hand sanitizer available in or near the sanctuary and require all Communion ministers to use it prior to distributing Holy Communion.
5. Continue to regularly clean frequently touched surfaces and objects in the church.
6. All ministers of Holy Communion (ordinary and extraordinary ministers) must sanitize their hands immediately prior to the distribution of Holy Communion. It may be helpful to sanitize in a way that is visible to the assembly, in order to reduce anxiety about health concerns. It is advisable for the presider to sanitize also before the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer.
7. Communion ministers (ordinary and extraordinary ministers) may discontinue wearing masks when distributing Holy Communion.
8. For ritual actions that require physical contact (for example, the laying of hands or anointing with oil), hand sanitizer should be used before and after contact.

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