

COVID PRECAUTIONS FOR OUTDOOR MASSES

Thank you for the attendance we have had at our outdoor Masses. After two weeks of review we are heightening some Covid-19 recommendations as directed by the Archdiocese in order to keep our community safe.

- The bathrooms at the back of the Church will be open for use. The Parish hall and Office bathrooms will be locked due to less exposure for our Priests, Deacons and Parish Staff.
- Parking will return to the way we started on the first weekend. All cars will park in the lined spaces of our lot and need to park every other space. This will relieve ushers from having to direct cars and possibly be exposed. You can hear the Mass clearly on 88.1 FM.
- Ushers will remain in their cars until the collection at which time they can come forward to help and then return to their cars.
- After Mass only the Deacons and Staff will clear the altar area because the sacristy (the Parish Hall at this time) is a closed area to the public
- All Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors must remain in the car until their ministry and after completion of the ministry return to the car. Lectors must wear masks during the reading. The pale blue masks are preferred to a cloth mask. If a Lector does not have one before the reading please see the Deacon. The Lector only will be allowed on the Altar before Mass to adjust the mike for height. If you have trouble adjusting the mike see the Deacon.
- All Ministers, Lectors, Parish Staff, Deacons must wear masks at all time.
- We are following the guidelines of the Archdiocese for outdoor Masses and therefore all parishioners attending the **Mass must remain in the car. Masks must be worn while receiving the Eucharist and handing in your collection.**

As the Archbishop has stated: Charity is at the heart of everything we are doing during this pandemic. As Catholics, we are called to give of ourselves for others. We are avoiding large gatherings for the sake of others. We wear a mask for the sake of others. We are experiencing hardship for the sake of others including social distancing and frequent hand washing. By observing these enhanced protocols, each of us has an opportunity to build up the body of Christ. It is not about "me", but about the community and how we can together defeat this virus. Thanks be to God our faith gives us the tools to respond effectively to this global emergency and to grow spiritually at the same time. We pray for the virtue of patience during this time of sacrifice.