



Saint Luke Catholic Church

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Dear People of St. Luke,

Greetings of Peace to All!

As we continue to celebrate the Harvest Festival of the Communion of Saints during this month of November, time seems to be passing faster than ever. We are only about a week from Thanksgiving and Christmas is less than 40 days away. We are well aware that our family/household celebrations of the Holidays (Holy days) will be quite different this year with very limited gatherings except for immediate household family members. The same is true for our St. Luke Family and all parishes in the Archdiocese and yes, world wide: Our St. Luke celebration and experience of Christmas will be different.

We have been given permission by the Archbishop to begin our Christmas Mass schedule as early as 2:00 PM Christmas Eve. We envision the possibility of up to six Masses for Christmas to accommodate numbers of participants based on last year's numbers. This schedule depends to a large extent on your Christmas Mass participation plans. With COVID-19 social distance church occupancy restrictions, we can safely seat, depending upon single, couple, family groupings, about 100 worshippers per Mass. This includes seating in church, balcony and narthex.

Online Mass for Christmas will be available at stlukebrookfield.org as soon as possible on Christmas Eve.

Please click [here](#) to will find a Christmas Mass 2020 Survey. Your participation in this Survey is absolutely essential to our arriving at a workable schedule for Masses for this unprecedented and uncertain Christmas 2020. Besides seating concerns we must have enough Liturgical Ministers, especially Ushers/Ministers of Hospitality (6 or 7 per Mass) and Cleaners/Disinfectors (4 or 5 per Mass), in order to insure the safety of our Christmas worshippers.

Please give careful time and consideration to your family/household plans for Christmas Mass and **complete and submit this survey by Sunday, November 22nd**. Please remember the Christmas Mass Schedule on the Survey is tentative until we tally the Survey responses. Pre-registration for Christmas Masses will be necessary as is our current practice.

Your timely-immediate response will help us create a 2020 Christmas Mass Schedule giving as many as possible, the opportunity to celebrate 'Emmanuel - God With Us!'

Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Peace,

Fr. Augustine,

St. Luke Parish Staff and Pastoral Council