



ST. JOSEPH OF THE LAKES

CATHOLIC CHURCH

TOGETHER IN SPIRIT

Dear Parishioners,

With the Governor's relaxation of the stay-at-home order and Archbishop Hebda's permission to begin celebration of the Mass as a community when parishes are able and willing to follow the protocols that have been put in place, we are planning a limited return to in person Masses starting on Saturday, June 6, 2020.

The health and safety of our parishioners, ministers, staff and our community at large is a priority. We have many high risk people in our parish and to celebrate together in one space poses a risk to all of us. In light of this risk, we are planning a return to Mass with the following directions:

1. We are limiting the number of people at each Mass to 62 Households. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass or a Holy Day continues to be in force until such a time it is safe for all to attend. We are requiring registration for weekend Masses only. Registration starts on Monday and ends on Friday at 10:00 am for the upcoming weekend. Register on our website home page at www.mystjoes.me by clicking on the day and time you wish to attend Mass OR by calling the parish office at 651.784.3015 during office hours.
2. Mass times on the weekend: Saturdays at 5:00 pm and Sundays at 8:30 am and 10:00 am. Doors to the church will open 30 minutes before each Mass.
3. Please wear your mask before entering the Church.
4. Please bring hand sanitizer from home to use while entering the church and before receiving communion.
5. Ushers will direct each household to a seat inside the church according to the social distancing guidelines we've developed. You most likely will not be sitting in your "usual" seat during this time.
6. There will be no sign of peace and no holding hands during the Our Father.
7. We are eliminating congregational singing from the Mass in accordance with the CDC and Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis guidelines.
8. Ushers will release people at the end of Mass. Please wait in your pew until you are ushered out.
9. Communion will take place as you leave Mass and the Church. Leave your mask on as you receive the Body of Christ and silently respond "Amen". Then, walk into the Gathering Space, pull down your mask, consume the host and proceed to your car.
10. For those unable or recommended to refrain from attending in person Mass, we are hosting a drive thru communion on Sundays from 11:00 am to 12:00 Noon and Mass is available to watch online by 8:30 am on Sundays.



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11. Reconciliation is now on Saturdays from 9:00 am to 10:00 am in the Library off of the Gathering Space. Enter through the main Worship Space doors.

We are resuming our daily Mass/Word & Communion schedule in the main Worship space starting on Monday, June 8, 2020. No registration is required for daily Mass just sign in as you enter the Gathering Space.

We strongly encourage those 65 and older or those with any of the health risks associated with Covid-19, those who are sick or are a caretaker for someone who is ill refrain from returning to Mass as advised by the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis and the CDC.

Blessings to you and your family,

Reverend Michael Anderson,
Pastor St. Joseph of the Lakes