

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARISHIONER GUIDELINES FOR RETURNING TO PUBLIC MASSES

To balance the spiritual needs of the faithful with our great concern for the physical wellbeing of our parishioners and the wider community we have developed guidelines for our public Masses specific to our parish.

- Most importantly: **The general dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation continues.** If you feel safer at home, please continue to do so.
- We are permitted to allow up to 25% of the seating capacity of the church. Dependent on the number of parishioners and family members wishing to worship, approximately 500 people.
- The possibility of turning away parishioners may occur. This would be unfortunate, but please understand that for the safety of all, if we reach our capacity you will be asked return to try to attend a different Mass.
- Mass times are Saturday 4pm, Sunday 8am and 11am.
- The 8am Mass will continue to be live-streamed and the distribution of Holy Communion will be available for 1 hour after the Mass concludes. **Please note that we have moved the distribution to McKay Hall.**
- In order to prepare and sanitize the building, the church will not be available for private prayer. The doors will be opened 1/2 hour prior to Mass.
- At the conclusion of the Mass, so that we can prepare and sanitize for the next Mass, all parishioners will be asked to leave the building.
- Every parking spot in front of the church will be reserved for handicapped vehicles only.
- Entering the church will be through the front doors only. All other doors will remain locked and are only accessible for the handicapped; ushers will assist those in need.
- To ensure the proper social distancing as you enter the church, ushers will assist with seating. We will begin the seating by every other pew from front to back, filling each section one at a time.
- The Cry Rooms will be unavailable.
- The Masses will be as brief as possible with limited music, omitting parts such as the offertory procession, the Sign of Peace, etc.
- The collection basket will not be passed, but ushers will have baskets at the exits for your donations.
- All ushers will be wearing masks and gloves.
- All Eucharistic Ministers will be wearing masks.
- **The reception of Holy Communion will be in the hand only.**

- Daily Masses will follow the same procedures.

Please note that our parish campus is not a risk-free environment. We have implemented procedures, but the health risk remains. We urge you to take personal responsibility for your own health and safety. We encourage you to wear masks if you have them.