



Following the guidelines issued by Governor Walz and those supported by all Catholic Bishops in Minnesota, Saint Andrew Catholic Church has approval from Bishop Donald Kettler to resume in-person Masses starting:

- Saturday, May 30 – 5:00 PM Mass \*  
\* 5:00 PM Mass will be “Livestreamed” online and then available as a recording after Mass ready for viewing at any time after, from your home or any remote area. Mass links available at [www.Saint-Andrew.net](http://www.Saint-Andrew.net)
- Sunday, May 31 – 8:30 AM Mass
- Sunday, May 31 – New **11:30 AM Mass time** (allows time for sanitization between Masses)
- Currently, we are not able to offer the 1:00 PM Spanish Mass

### Who should attend:

- **No one is required to attend** – The Mass (Sunday obligation) is still not mandatory and the dispensation to stay home remains into the future. Contact Fr. Mark with any questions: (763) 441-1483.

### Who should not attend:

- We strongly encourage those over the age of 65 or those who are especially vulnerable because of a health condition not to attend. To find out more details, review the CDC web site: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html#Higher-Risk>. Please, consult your doctor for a clear answer concerning your participation situation if you have questions.

### General points for those attending in-person:

- Each Mass will have a maximum limit of 250 people inside the church seating area.
- Cleaning of the church is completed between each Mass.
- Pews are marked with blue tape every 6-feet as a safe spacing guide (do not remove the tape).
- To increase safe seat spacing, every other pew row is available for seating.
- The liturgy will not use congregational singing, only instrumental music.
- Missalettes and songbooks have been removed from the pews.
- Ushers will guide everyone with their initial seating, with the Communion line reception and dismissal. We ask that you please give them your full courtesy as they minister to us all during these tasks.
- Wearing of face masks is encouraged, but not mandatory. Masks must be safely removed/stored prior to approaching Communion. If you do not have a mask but desire one for Mass, some will be available as supplies last and should be taken with you after Mass – none should be left at church.
- Communion reception will be received in the hand only. Hand sanitizing stations are available as you approach. You are expected to consume Jesus immediately after receiving.
- Communion lines have distance markers on the floors (6-foot spacing). Communion lines will alternate pew sections (three at a time) and use a one-way aisle directional plan to ensure spacing (see map).
- Each of the three Communion ministers will wear face shields.
- At dismissal, ushers will direct attendees from the back rows first to ensure physical distancing. Exiting will be available through doors A, B, C, and now L by the choir area. We ask that you not gather in the church. Immediately exit to your cars.

### A few other important points and reminders:

- Mass available online.
- Again, we strongly encourage you to consider staying home and carefully evaluate if you are at higher risk for serious illness. Some examples:
  - Those over the age of 65 or who are especially vulnerable because of a health condition should not attend. Please, consult your doctor concerning your participation.
  - Those not feeling well or those not feeling well in your immediate contact circle should not attend.

- At this time, we will not be offering Communion to people in the parking lot. For now, we have limited resources and will be focusing on providing the Mass effectively in the church. Later, we may be able to work out something for outdoors. In addition, I am considering having a special Mass during the week for just the elderly to provide a safer setting for them. More to come about this.
- Reconciliation (confession) times will remain upon request. Call Fr. Mark at (763) 441-1483 to arrange a time.

Sample Church pictures on spacing...



### Communion reception plan:

- **Blue “1”** pews will release first in a group of three areas as shown – following the 6-foot floor spacing markers to the Communion Minister, then small arrow line back.
- **Orange “2”** will release next after all in the first group has received following the same.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be available.
- Masks must be removed/stored prior to approaching Communion.

### Dismissal at the end of Mass:

- Usher’s will release/guide those in the back pews out first (see **Green arrows**)
- Exit to doors A, B, C and L as directed out to your cars.

