

March 31, 2021

Good evening, church family,

Recently Bishop Taylor relaxed additional restrictions to protect against the pandemic, taking effect April 1, Holy Thursday. Below is what we will implement at Immaculate Conception. Thank you for all you are doing to keep people safe!

1. **Distancing will no longer be required** at Mass, except between family groups. We ask people to monitor that themselves.
2. **Mask wearing will still be mandatory**, and even more necessary now that people are closer together at Mass. Please wear them properly (covering nose).
3. **Music will continue to be restricted to a musician and cantor**. We will return missalettes and hymnals to the pews on Palm Sunday.
4. **Holy Water will be returned to the fonts** at the Easter Vigil. after we bless the new water.
5. **Communion continues to be received on the hand**. You may receive Communion on the tongue but only after Mass.
6. We will **start having the offertory procession** at Mass (bringing forward the bread and wine to the altar).
7. The **cry room will be open** and we ask families to maintain six foot distancing between family groups.
8. Only fully-vaccinated Eucharistic Ministers (as well as family members) can take **Holy Communion to shut-ins**.
9. We will **discontinue the 2 p.m. Spanish overflow Mass** after Easter Sunday. The 2 p.m. overflow Mass on Easter will be the last overflow Mass.
10. Beginning on May 1 (Saturday), **groups may start meeting at the church, and they are required to wear masks**. We ask groups to monitor the spacing between family groups.
11. The school **Spring Festival will be celebrated** on May 7 and 8, and mask-wearing will be required when indoors.
12. The **church office will open for regular hours** beginning May 3, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the office will be closed on Fridays.

Please share this with the various groups and ministries you work with; it affects everyone to some degree.

God bless!
Fr. John