

Mass Procedures During this Time of COVID-19

The obligation to attend Mass is still dispensed and for those over the age of 65 or not feeling well, you are strongly urged to stay home. Please follow the CDC guidelines regarding your own health. For those unable to attend Mass, it will be recorded and available on the parish website (www.stwilliams.com). After Immunization you may return to Mass as you feel comfortable and are still required to wear a mask.

For those who wish to attend Mass, there is limited seated. When you arrive at Church, please make sure to disinfect your hands with the available hand sanitizer and then use social distancing as you would anywhere. The pews are marked in six feet increments. If seating as a family you are welcome to sit close to one another. If you sit in the same pew as a larger group, be sure there is six feet spacing from you to the closest person.

A face mask is required! If you are not wearing one, they are available at all entrances and you may take it home. If you have collection envelopes, there will be a collection held during Mass. Try to use the restroom before coming to Mass but they will still be available as usual. Also, the water fountain should not be used. There will be bulletins at all entrances and you should take one yourself.

While at Mass, entering or leaving, please observe social distancing. During Mass, please keep your face mask on for the duration. Be aware there will be music but no congregational singing. You are discouraged from holding hands during the Our Father. There will be no receiving from the cup at communion but only the host. For Communion, please remain in your pew and the priest/ communion ministers will come to you and distribute the host observing social distance. As the host is held up with the words "The body of Christ", you will reply, "Amen." Stretch your hands forward and **Only** then should you lift your mask and place the host in your mouth. Please be advised that Communion will not be placed on your tongue, only in your hand.

After the final blessing, you should simply leave the church. **It is asked that you go immediately to your cars and do not linger in the church** or out in the parking lots. Social distancing should continue as you leave the church.

Thank you for following these procedures to help keep those around you and yourself safe and healthy.

St. William Covid Task Force