

Guidelines for Resuming Mass at the Church of the Madalene

If you and your family are planning on resuming public Mass please adhere to the CDC health guidelines.

Important Notes:

- **If you have health vulnerabilities, you are asked not to attend public Mass;
- **If you are sick or feel sick, you must not return to public Mass;
- **Please take your temperature before leaving your house. If you have a temperature please stay home;
- **Please wear a mask;
- **Please bring your own hand sanitizer. We will have some, but you are encouraged to have some as well;
- **If you are in close frequent contact with others, daily because of your job, please take extra precautions as to remain distant from others. Examples: Hair Dresser, Nurse, Doctor, Food Service Employee.
- **Families from the same household may sit together;
- **Masks must be removed before receiving communion;
- **Bathroom breaks should be taken care of before the start of Mass, but if one is needed the bathrooms will be open, but limited to the amount per restroom;
- **Water fountains will be closed;
- **No visiting other pews, or moving around the Church after you have been seated;
- **Please do not gather in hallways, vestibules or entries;
- **The Sign of Peace has been omitted from Mass;
- **Holding hands during the Lord's Prayer is no prohibited as it is not part of the Mass in the Roman rite;
- **Ushers will be there to assist with the social distancing of families/individuals as you enter the Church, go to Communion, and leave the Church;
- **You must use hand sanitizer before you go up for Communion. An Usher will have some if you do not;
- **The Church has volunteers to make sure the pews are clean and sanitized before you come to Mass; Every time!
- **There will be no collection taken up during Mass. A basket will be available at the Church entrance. If you do not see this basket please ask an Usher for assistance;
- **The main Church can hold up to 90 people as per the social distancing guidelines. If these spots are filled, over flow is available in the Parish Hall for up to 40. Mass will be streamed from the Main Church and Communion will be distributed to you there. An Usher will be seating you according to family size;
- **Please make sure you arrive at the Church up to 30 minutes before the start of Mass. It will take some time to seat everyone. We cannot guarantee a seat for Mass if you arrive later than the Mass start time;
- **You strongly encouraged during this time to receive Communion on the hand;
- **All Usher/Volunteers will be required to wear a mask;
- **No Hymnals will be available during Mass;
- **Fr. Desmond, Deacon Joe, and Deacon Nelson are required to wear a mask during Communion. You must remove your mask prior to receiving Communion;

Entering the Church for Mass:

Please try to come to Mass 30 minutes prior to Mass start time. We will begin seating anyone that is there at this time. No one may enter the Church building until then.

We will all be coming in the North and South doors by the parish office. You can park in either parking lot. The doors will be propped open. You will proceed to the next marked spot on the floor. You will be lined up in the hallway heading toward the Main Church. Families must maintain a 6' distance, from other parishioners.

First in, first to be seated according to family size.

While in line you are encouraged not to stop and talk to other parishioners, and to please utilize this time to use the restroom.

Communion:

An usher will come and assist you during Communion. Please wait to be dismissed.

We will be doing one complete side then we will do the other.

Once you have received Communion, take two steps to the side (the side you are sitting on) to consume, then return to your pew.

If you are in the Parish Hall the same guidelines will be followed.

Dismissal:

An Usher will be there and dismiss each pew one at a time. Once you have been dismissed, you may go out the main Church doors and head to your car. If you parked in the North parking lot please let the Usher know so they can dismiss you out the North hallway. At dismissal we ask that you not hang around. Please head to your cars and leave in an orderly fashion.

If you are in the overflow area, these same guidelines will be followed, but you will all exit through the North hallway (way you came in).

Not returning to public Mass, but would like to receive Communion:

Communion will be made available for 30 minutes after the 5:30pm Mass on Saturday. (Approx. 6:30-7:00pm) If you streamed Mass from your home.

Communion will also be made available for 30 minutes after the 11:00am Mass on Sunday. (Approx. 12:00-1:00pm) If you streamed Mass from your home.

This will be in the South Parking lot under the Portico. Please keep in mind how long it takes to arrive to the Church from your home.

No matter which Mass you streamed you can come and receive at those times, as long as you are able to do so.

Remember Mass will be leaving as you are coming to receive so please try to follow the traffic flow. You will get out of your car and come forward to Fr. Desmond or a Deacon.