

UPDATE ON THE COVID RESTRICTIONS FROM FR. BALAJI

Dear Parish Family,

We united in facing the challenge of a deadly pandemic and are now working together to carefully come back to normal life.

On Wednesday, April 21, 2021, the Diocese of Fort Worth communicated to our Clergy and Staff at St. Michael that Tarrant County has reached the 75% threshold of the population who have had COVID19 and/or have received 1 or 2 doses of the vaccine. With this directive, protocols have been revised and the following guidelines are now in effect:

1. Masks will no longer be required at Mass.
2. The physical distancing protocols of 3 feet between families and/or individuals are still in place.
3. We will continue to sanitize the pews in between all Masses.
4. Reception of Communion is allowed either in the hand or on the tongue. Please follow the instructions provided prior to Communion.
5. We are allowed to re-open to in-person faith formation, with a few additional guidelines.
6. Masks and physical distancing are still required for any meetings in the Great Hall, Activity Center or Formation Hall.
7. Food may be served at parish meetings, with prior approval from the office. Food must be pre-packaged and buffet lines are prohibited.
8. For any ministry wanting to resume meeting on-site, please contact the office.
9. If there is an increase of 20% in new COVID19 cases, then the prior requirements will be reinstated.
10. If you are more comfortable wearing a mask, then please continue to do so. Everyone will respect each individual's choice during this time.

As we are going to celebrate the Good Shepherd Sunday, I ask you to pray for all the Good Shepherds to lead their flocks as Jesus did. Please pray for and encourage vocations. You are in my prayers.

God Bless You,

Fr. Balaji Boyalla, SAC
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