

NOTRE DAME

SUNDAY MASS COVID19 PROCEDURES DURING PHASE 3

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The following Procedures are based on the Archdiocese of Newark's mandated Directives for the celebration of liturgies during Phase 3 of the reopening of churches during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

During Phase 3, it is at the pastor's discretion as to whether or not public Mass may be celebrated. Currently it is the decision at Notre Dame to celebrate Mass publicly.

The obligation to suspend Mass continues to be in place. Therefore, although we would like parishioners to attend Sunday Mass, no one is obligated to do so.

- **All parishioners must wear masks from the time they enter the parish center and church until the time they exit the building.**
- **The mask must be placed over the mouth and nose at all times.**
- **If you cannot wear a mask for the entire time that you are inside, then you cannot enter the buildings.**
- **Mass is live streamed on Saturday evening at 5 pm and posted all day Sunday on the parish website www.ndparishnc.com for those who cannot attend.**

All clergy and ministers of communion must wear a mask during Mass and sanitize their hands before and after distributing communion.

Notre Dame church is sanitized between Masses with a defogging disinfectant; however, even with disinfectant, masks and social distancing, there is always a possibility that a person could catch Covid19 when attending Mass.

Exceptions

The only time the mask may be removed is when coming to communion. Receive the host in your hand with the mask on, step aside, lift or lower the mask and consume the host. Then, replace the mask and return to your seat.

No one is obligated to receive communion at Mass.

According to Archdiocesan Directives, which supersede the authority of the local pastor, the priest is only required to wear a mask when walking up and down the aisle, when preaching from the aisle, and when distributing communion.

At Notre Dame, if a priest does not wish to wear a mask during the Eucharistic Prayer, he places the hosts that will be distributed to the people in a ciboria (bowl) with a lid on it to keep the hosts protected.