

The Church of St. Genevieve

Back at Mass Protocol...because we care...

During this time the obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues to be lifted by Archbishop Hebda.

We will continue to videotape Sunday Mass. To protect people's health and well-being, we encourage people in vulnerable categories to participate in Mass via video. Find the Mass at the homepage of www.stgens.org.

These are protocols and procedures which we will adapt as the situation changes. Keep in mind that being still in a room during a Mass that includes someone with Covid 19 for an hour (even with physical distancing) is riskier than passing by an infected person in a store.

Our protocol will be very clear and precise and we need to commit to it. Please remember our protocols are intended for everyone's health and safety.

- We tape a weekend Mass post it to our website and youtube by 4pm on Saturdays.
- We livestream the 9:30 Mass.
- We hold Mass at the Parish Community Center (PCC) on Sunday at 9:30 am and Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Beginning September 16, the Wednesday Mass will be at 8:00 am at the PCC. Mass schedule may change as restrictions lessen or tighten, there is a need, and safety precautions and protocol can be followed.
- The Sunday Mass will be livestreamed so guests may watch the Mass in their homes or in their cars parked in the PCC parking lot. Cars with guests must have their windows rolled up or have one empty car or vacant parking space between them.
- Our capacity is 66 guests + volunteers at Sunday Mass and 20 guests + volunteers at Wednesday Mass. Capacity may be increased in the future.
- Because of our limited seating capacity, people will have to pre-register through our website (www.stgens.org) or by calling the office and speaking to someone (651-429-7937 Monday-Thursday 10 am – 4 pm).
- Online pre-registration will close at 11:00 am the day before Mass or when capacity is reached.

ARRIVAL

- Registered Sacristan should arrive through the north door at 8:45/7:30, Ushers at 9:05/7:35, Eucharistic Ministers at 9:15/7:40, and Lectors at 9:20/7:45. Ministers will get their temperature taken and answer a few health-screening questions. All Ministers will need to attend a Covid 19 Liturgical Minister training before serving.
- All guests should put on a mask before leaving their car and enter through the south doors at the PCC beginning at 9:15/7:45. The doors will be propped open or held open by an usher.

- One usher will be at the door to let the guests in and confirm their registration, all the while observing physical distancing. A volunteer will take the temperature of each guest. An usher will be in the church assigning seats to our guests.
- For their safety and that of others we will ask guests
 - to confirm their registration
 - to sanitize their hands upon entering the PCC with their own hand sanitizer or with the provided sanitizer
 - return home if their temperature is at or greater than 100.4 degrees.
 - to wear their mask until they return to their car
- Guests will only be able to sit in clearly marked, designated spots throughout the PCC. They will be asked to go their chair directly upon entering the worship space and to remain there until given exiting instructions by an usher.
- If a household wants to attend Mass together they will have to pre-register at the same time.

DURING MASS

- No bathrooms will be available except for emergency situations; only one person or one family will be allowed in a bathroom at a time. One usher will stand in the gathering space monitoring.
- The Holy water font will remain empty.
- Literature, hymnals, missalettes, bulletins and Children's Bags will not be available.
- No collection will be taken during Mass. A collection basket will be placed at the entrance of the worship space and this will be staffed by an usher. Two ushers will empty baskets and secure the collection in the safe after Communion.
- There will be no congregational singing to reduce the spread of possible virus particles.

HOLY COMMUNION

- Holy Communion will be distributed after Mass.
- Guests will be asked to sit and wait for an usher to dismiss you back row to front row.
- The EM will sanitize his/her hands before distributing hosts and again whenever there may be contact with a guest.
- Guests should use hand sanitizer **before** approaching the EM.
- Keep 6 feet between households; only one person from your household should approach the EM at a time. If you choose not to receive Communion, do not approach the EM, but proceed to the north doors.
- Guests receiving Communion will be asked to stretch their arms and hold out their hands; Communion **will only be** distributed in the hand.
- After receiving the host and **after** moving six feet away toward the north door, the guest should pull down his/her mask just enough to consume the host.
- Guests should pull mask back on and continue to exit the PCC through the north doors.
- Guests will be asked to keep physical distancing on the parish grounds on the way to their car.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR GUESTS IN CARS

- A Eucharistic Minister (EM) will stand underneath the canopy to distribute Holy Communion.
- A collection basket will be on a 6 foot table next to the EM. An usher will staff the basket and help direct traffic. After cars are gone, the EM and usher will bring the basket to the worship space.
- All guests in the car should be wearing masks.
- Cars should pull up under the canopy.
- Upon reaching the EM, the driver tells the EM through their open window how many guests in the car will be receiving Holy Communion.
- The driver should stretch out his/her hand out the window. The EM will distribute Communion to the driver.
- The driver should then distribute Communion to others in the car.
- The driver should pull ahead so the next car may receive.
- The EM will use hand sanitizer if physical contact is made between the EM and a guest.

If you begin feeling ill during Mass, please exit the building if possible or go to the family restroom.

If you were present in the PCC for Mass and later feel ill, please let the Church of St. Genevieve know so that others who participated can be notified of the possible exposure to Covid 19. (651-429-7937 or info@stgens.org)

If Mass is canceled, you will be contacted by the means in which you pre-registered.