



July 24, 2020

St. Pascal Baylon COVID-19 Preparedness Plan for Worship

During this time, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues to be lifted by Archbishop Hebda. We will continue to offer all daily and Sunday Masses online. To protect people's health and well-being, we encourage people in vulnerable categories to participate in Mass via Facebook or our YouTube channel.

Governor Walz has allowed up to 50% of our worship space capacity. On August 1, we will begin welcoming 100 people per Mass. Parishioners are strongly encouraged to sign up in advance for the liturgy they wish to attend. Sign-ups can be done online on the parish website (www.stpascals.org) or by calling the parish office by Friday at 3:00 p.m. Signing up ahead of time alleviates extra waiting at the doors as names are taken from those who have not signed up previously.

Parishioners should watch the website, bulletin, Pascal Pulse or call the Parish Office to get the latest information on group size. This policy is subject to change.

Daily Mass participation will be limited to 100 on a first-come-first-served basis. This policy is subject to change.

As You Enter St. Pascals

- Doors will open 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass.
- Distancing guidelines will be enforced. The sidewalks in front of the Church will be marked with proper distances.
- Doors will be propped or held open for parishioners. Worshipers should proceed directly to the worship space.
- Upon reaching capacity, the doors will be closed. No further people will be admitted.

Masses

- The baptismal font will remain empty and no literature will be available in the racks.
- Access to the church will be 30 minutes before each Mass begin or as soon after that as disinfecting is completed.
- People will enter through the church entrance (door 3) only.

- Ushers, proclaimers, Eucharistic ministers, and musicians will take their temperatures when they arrive to serve for Mass.
- A staff member or usher will be at the door to check in parishioners. Walk-ins are welcome until capacity is reached. All walk-ins must provide a name and phone number for each household present in the event that contact tracing (overseen by the Minnesota Department of Health) must be done at a later date.
- For everyone's safety we require all worshippers (per Executive Order 20-81):
 - to sanitize their hands upon entering St. Pascal Baylon
 - to wear a mask throughout Mass
- Assembly members are able to sit in clearly marked, designated spots throughout the worship space. They are asked to go their pew directly upon entering.
- Music is limited, with cantor and accompanist only. There is no choir and no assembly singing.
- Bathrooms are available if needed.
- For the reception of Holy Communion:
 - Distance markers are on the floors in the aisles.
 - Sanitizing stations are set up near the communion station so Communicants can sanitize their hands before going to communion.
 - Communicants will wear masks while going to communion.
 - Communicants will walk up to communion using the appropriate aisle.
 - A spot marks where people stand to receive communion.
 - In addition to the presider, 1-2 additional Eucharistic Ministers will distribute communion, depending upon the size of the assembly.
 - Eucharistic ministers will sanitize their hands before and after Communion.
 - Eucharistic ministers will wear masks while distributing Holy Communion.
 - Eucharistic ministers will stand behind designated tables to give out communion.
 - Communion will only be received in the hand.
 - Eucharistic ministers will sanitize their hands during distribution of Communion if they accidentally touch a Communicant's hands.
 - Communicants will sanitize their hands before reaching the Communion station, wear their masks, say "Amen" through the mask, step away after receiving Communion, then lift the mask to consume the host before exiting.
 - Communicants are encouraged to sanitize their hands after communion. They can do this in the gathering space before leaving.
- After receiving Communion everyone is asked to leave the church immediately.
- People should not socialize on the St. Pascal Baylon Campus unless they maintain physical distancing and/or wear a mask.
- After Mass, the section(s) where people sat as well as the doors used for entering and leaving will be sanitized.
- A collection box will be placed at the entrance of the church, and this will be staffed by two staff members or ushers.

Weddings

- Only wedding parties of 100 or under will be allowed. There will be no exceptions.
- We will work with couples to reschedule and make every effort to accommodate them.

Funerals

- Only 100 or under funeral attendees will be allowed by family invitation only.
- Another option is to conduct graveside service now and schedule a memorial service when larger gathering are permitted.

Sacrament of Baptism

Requests will be handled on a case by case basis by Fr. John Mitchell.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Reconciliation is available by individual appointment. Please contact Fr. John Mitchell.

Sacrament of the Sick

Requests will be handled on a case by case basis by Fr. John Mitchell.

Choral groups

There is no choir until further notice.