

Diocese of Venice Guidelines for Mass during COVID 19

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- ✓ The dispensation from the Obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains in force until November 27, 2020 and, depending upon conditions, perhaps longer.
- ✓ Those defined as more vulnerable may be encouraged to continue to stay at home.
- ✓ **Distancing should be respected.**
- ✓ **A face mask or other face covering is to be worn by all in attendance at Masses or Parish functions.**
- ✓ Everyone must sanitize their hands before entering the Church. Additionally, please sanitize your hands immediately before you receive Communion and immediately afterward.
- ✓ You may only receive Communion passively on your hand, not on your tongue. Please do not attempt to take the Host from the priest and do not cup your hand like a basket. Keep your hand as flat as possible. The priest will then place the Host on your hand without touching you.
- ✓ While processing to communion please **KEEP YOUR MASK ON** and **maintain proper social distance of 6 feet**. Once you receive the Eucharist in your hand, step a few feet to the side, pull down your mask, place Eucharist in your mouth, pull your mask back up, and return to your pew.
- ✓ Please refrain from touching anything in the church unless it is necessary.
- ✓ If you are sick, experiencing the slightest of symptoms, or are at greater risk of becoming seriously ill because of your age or a previous condition, or if you live with, work with, or have been exposed to anyone who fits this description, we strongly urge you to stay home and attend the online live-streamed Mass or the TV Mass. This precaution is for your safety as well as for that of your family, friends, and fellow parishioners.
- ✓ **Social Distancing rules must be followed. Pews have been marked to create space. Please do not sit close to people you do not live with.**
- ✓ The Sign of Peace will be omitted.
- ✓ Dismissal after Mass should maintain an orderly exit with proper spacing being observed.
- ✓ Paper bulletins are to be distributed only as people exit the Church. They may not be distributed prior to Mass. Those tasked with the distribution of bulletins should wear gloves and a mask. Parish Bulletins will also be posted to the Parish website and/or emailed to Parishioners.