

## **In Person Mass Guidelines**

**WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE BE PATIENT AS WE BEGIN THIS PROCESS. WE WILL MAKE IMPROVEMENTS AS NEEDED TO MAKE THINGS GO MORE SMOOTHLY.**

We are excited to be able to begin celebrating Mass again as a Parish. We will begin this weekend, May 16 & 17, with a limited number of parishioners in attendance.

Saturday – 5pm with Confessions available beginning at 4pm

Sunday – 8am & 11am

Monday through Friday – 8am

With the new format, Mass does not have to be attended on Sunday. If you choose not to come, you are still dispensed from the Sunday obligation. Mass will be available online at Divine Redeemer Pastor YouTube channel as it has been. While you may not be able to attend Sunday or every Sunday, it is a blessing to be able to receive Holy Communion again. We ask that you only sign up for one Mass per week at first. If you would like to attend more than one Mass, please check the SignUpGenius two hours prior.

**If you are sick or someone in your family is sick, please do not come to Mass, you are dispensed from attending. If you are high risk or live with someone who is high risk, please do not come to Mass, you are dispensed from attending.**

**SIGN UP** will be on SignUpGenius.com. See link on website. **OR** call the Parish office at 719-633-5559. Please note the main church area will be split into 4 sections. Sections will be available for families as well as single persons attending. In the comments, please write the total number of people (including you) in your family. Once seats are reserved, no one else can sign up or use it during that particular Mass time. We will have ushers who will seat you in your designated section and make sure you are socially distanced from others. Families who sit together do not need to social distance. PLEASE SIT WHERE YOUR USHER SEATS YOU AND DO NOT MOVE.

### **GUIDELINES:**

- Parishioners are encouraged, but not required, to wear face masks.
- Parishioners will be asked to use hand sanitizer upon entering the church.
- There will be no hymnals and congregational singing is discouraged for health reasons.
- For those at home, a worship aid will be sent out via Flocknote on Saturday morning.
- No Holy Water will be in the fonts.
- No Offertory Procession – baskets for your tithe will be at the entrances and exits to the Church. Please put your offering in one of these baskets. Thank you for your support.
- There will be no Sign of Peace and no holding hands during The Our Father.
- Please keep movement to a minimum during Mass.
- There will be no congregating in the vestibule before or after Mass.
- The Church will be cleaned and disinfected between each Mass.

**ARRIVAL AT MASS: Please be at least 15 minutes early for Mass to allow time to be seated. If you arrive too close to the start of Mass, you may not be seated. No one will be allowed in the Church after Mass has begun. You will not be allowed to leave Mass early, for example, you cannot leave right after Communion. So, plan on staying the full time.**

**SATURDAY ARRIVAL:** Doors will open at 3:50pm for Confessions. Please enter through the handicapped doors on Yampa and the Community Center doors ONLY.

**SUNDAY ARRIVAL:** Doors will open 30 minutes prior to Mass. enter through the handicapped doors on Yampa and the Community Center doors ONLY.

**RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION:**

- You are not required to receive Holy Communion.
- If you choose to receive Holy Communion, you will be dismissed by section to receive Holy Communion.
- Please remain in the pew until the usher invites you forward to receive.
- While in line, please comply with the social distancing requirements of 6 feet between persons not of your immediate family.
- If you are wearing a mask, it must be removed BEFORE you approach the minister to receive Holy Communion and replaced after you have consumed Holy Communion.
- You may not receive Holy Communion in the hand while wearing gloves.
- The minister of Holy Communion may not wear either gloves or a mask.
- The Precious Blood will continue to be suspended for the foreseeable future. Please remember that you receive the fullness of the Graces of Holy Communion even if you receive under only one species. Reception of Holy Communion with just the Host still allows you to receive the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ.
- Once Holy Communion is complete, the Holy Mass will resume in the usual way.
- If you are not receiving Holy Communion in the hand, please wait until after Mass has ended to come forward to receive from the priest or deacon, as directed.

**DISMISSAL:**

- Please stay seated in your pew. Ushers will dismiss each pew.
- **DISMISSAL BY PEW:** After the final blessing and the departure of the priest and deacon, the ushers will dismiss by section. Please be patient and wait in your pew until it is your turn to be dismissed. This point is essential to ensure that people do not congregate at the door as they try to leave.
- **AVOIDING SOCIAL CONTACT:** Please do not congregate or wait to greet other parishioners as you leave. When you are dismissed from your seating area, please proceed directly to your vehicles. Please be respectful of each other and keep the safety of each other in mind. The last thing we want is an outbreak of this virus in our parish.
- **PRIEST AND DEACON:** Unfortunately, the priest and deacon will not be able to greet you after Mass to avoid spread of the virus.