

Indoor Mass Directives

Mass attendees are requested to ask themselves the following questions before leaving home and coming to the church. If the answer to any of these is “yes”, please stay home and seek medical advice.

In the last 14 days, have you:

- Travelled internationally?
- Been exposed to a person with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 without the correct PPE?
- Had a temperature of at least 100.0 degrees F?
- Had new or increased shortness of breath or difficulty breathing?
- Had a new cough?
- Had a least two of the following symptoms together:
 - Chills
 - Muscle pain
 - Headache
 - Sore throat
 - New loss of taste or smell

When attending Mass:

- A mask that covers the nose and mouth must be worn at all times while on the church campus. This includes walking to and from the parking lot.
- Enter the church from the South Narthex entrance. All others will be locked. A Hospitality Minister will be there to check in attendees. Only those who are on the list will be admitted to the church.
- A container marked “Offertory” will be located just inside the entrance to the Narthex. Drop offertory envelopes here prior to entering the church. Baskets will not be passed during Mass. On the first Sunday of each month, a second container will be there for Outreach.
- Follow the directions of the Hospitality Ministers when being seated. There are designated areas for seating marked off in the church to maintain proper distance. Pews and seats that must remain vacant will be marked as blocked. Remain in these seats until the Communion procession begins.
- The Communion procession will take place after the final blessing and dismissal. Follow the Hospitality Minister’s instructions to ensure proper social distancing. They will direct one alternating row at a time. Please wait until directed to stand and leave the row.
- Procession up the center aisle must be single file and marks on the floor designate where to stand during the procession. When moving toward the center aisle through the pews, people in the same household do not have to observe distancing. Once in the center aisle, proper social distancing must be observed by all.
- Masks and gloves must be removed to receive the Holy Eucharist-remove mask right after the person ahead in line has received and walks away, then put mask back on immediately after receiving.
- To receive a blessing instead of the Eucharist, indicate this with arms crossed over the chest. The Priest or Eucharistic Minister will perform a blessing without touching the individual.

- Immediately after receiving Communion, proceed to the nearest exit – people on the west side of the Nave will exit through the doors at the west end; people on the east side of the Nave will exit through the doors at the east end into the East Narthex.
- The church will be cleaned between Masses. To make sure there is enough time to complete the necessary cleaning, please leave the church promptly after Mass and do not stop to socialize in the Narthex or anywhere on the church campus.
- Maintain The social distancing when returning to the parking lot, and leave the lot without delay to free the parking spots for parishioners attending the next Mass.

Additional Reminders:

- Based on the governor's directives, a limited number of people can attend Mass. Just like with the outdoor Masses, congregants will be scheduled on a rotating basis. Because the list of parishioners who wish to attend Mass is larger than the number of congregants allowed in the church each weekend, parishioners will not be scheduled for Mass every week. Each time a person is scheduled, it will most likely be for a different Mass time. At this point, it is not possible to accommodate requests to attend a specific Mass time.
- Those who turned in a Mass request card after the initial deadline have been added to the bottom of the master list. This means that people are scheduled based on the date their card was received, not strictly alphabetically.
- If your last name is different from the rest of the people in your family, we have created a hyphenated last name for you so that the scheduling process can schedule you along with the rest of your family; if you give the Hospitality Minister who is checking everyone in your given last name, s/he won't be able to find you on the attendee list; please tell her/him that s/he need to look under the last name of your other family members
- When a family has members with more than one last name, the family is listed as a hyphenated name. It is suggested that both names are given at check-in to reduce confusion.