

# Precautions for Returning to Mass

**As we prepare to return to the public celebration of Mass, here are some guidelines and things to expect which will ensure the safety and well-being of our community.**

**The Sunday Mass dispensation is still in effect until further notice.  
If you are feeling ill, please stay home.**

**It is highly encouraged that those who are in an “at-risk” population should continue to participate in Mass online.**

## **MASKS ARE ENCOURAGED**

Wear a face mask while in the building, except when receiving Communion.

## **SANITIZE**

Hand sanitizer will be available for you to sanitize your hands before entering and when leaving. Pews, chairs, entrances and other high-use areas will be sanitized between services.

## **SEATING**

Pews will be roped-off/marked to ensure proper social distancing. Chairs will be spaced properly. Only the end sections of the pews will be used. The middle sections must be left empty, to allow for the necessary spacing between those sitting on either of the two ends. Only families/related individuals sharing the same household may sit next to each other.

## **FOLLOW USHER DIRECTIONS**

Ushers will provide important direction during Mass.

**Communion** will be distributed one pew/row at a time and one complete side of the church before the other.

**Dismissal** at the end of Mass will also be row by row to encourage proper social distancing.

## **SING “IN YOUR HEART”**

Singing carries additional risk of contamination because of air and droplets being expelled with greater force. Therefore, there will be no congregational singing for now.

## **WORSHIP AIDS**

Missalettes, hymnals and worship aids must be removed. You may bring your own, if you wish.

## **SOCIAL DISTANCING**

Always maintain six feet between yourself and others, even in the Communion line.

## **CONGREGATING/SOCIALIZING**

We should not socialize or gather in small groups before or after Mass whether in the church, gathering space, or parking lot.

## **RESTROOMS**

Restroom use is discouraged. Only the restroom near the Vesting Sacristy will be open. The gathering space and Heritage Hall will not be accessible.