

SAINT JOHN^{THE} BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear Parishioners of Saint John the Baptist Parish,

Great news! After much discussion and consultation, we will resume public Masses on Sunday, January 24. We at Saint John the Baptist look forward to welcoming you back inside! *Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus* as we make our way back to the “in-person” celebration of the Mass.

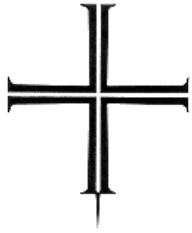
You are the living, breathing members of Saint John the Baptist Parish and we have missed you...your smiles, your greetings, and most especially your physical presence. Our Mass schedule will remain the same: 8:30 a.m. on Sundays at our Parish Center.

While we are reopening to in-person Masses, all of us need to do our part to make sure that our return to Mass is a peaceful and safe experience for all. Please take time to read the instructions below. We ask everyone to follow these guidelines when attending Mass:

- The obligation to attend Mass continues to be lifted. So, if you are uncomfortable to come back to Mass, and elderly, sick, or with underlying medical conditions, continue praying at home and/or join us at Mass virtually.
- Before entering the Parish Center, please put on a face mask.
- Chairs are positioned safely apart; members of the same household may sit together as normal.
- The 50% occupancy limit and social distancing will be followed.
- There will be no hymnals or congregational singing.
- A bin to collect contribution envelopes will be in the hallway and outside the front door, a collection basket will not be passed.
- During the Sign of Peace, you may nod or bow...no handshaking.
- Reception of Holy Communion will take place in the same manner as our outdoor Masses; the Communion Minister will bring Communion to you.
- Please remove one side of your mask before receiving Holy Communion. Once you have received Communion, the mask is to be put back on for the remainder of Mass.
- Communion will continue to be distributed to those who prefer to listen to the Mass broadcast in their vehicles.
- Masses will continue to be broadcast to vehicles in the parish parking lot and live streamed to the joint parish YouTube channel.

With all of us working together and following the guidelines, we will do our part in keeping everyone safe. We love our parish, and we know you do too! We know these have been challenging times for you and your families but as a people, we have done well in keeping each other safe. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time, and we look forward to welcoming you back inside. What a blessing it will be to gather together again!

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