

Returning to Mass at Nativity

Fellow parishioners,

As we return to celebrate Mass together, we are mindful that there are necessary changes to keep all of us safe, and pray that they may be temporary. Please read the entire document.

The Absolute Basics

- First, remember that the dispensation to attend Sunday Mass remains in effect.
- Live-streaming of the 10:30 Mass will continue
- The maximum number of people permitted indoors for Mass is about 63 (slightly adjusted as household family members sit together) in order to maintain 6 feet of distance between attendees.
- If you cannot be seated, you may still receive Communion, so keep reading!
- Wear a mask.

What Is Temporarily Suspended

- Holy Water fonts will remain empty until further notice
- No Missals will be in the pews Disposable Worship handouts will be available only at Sunday Mass. Please take the handout home with you. As an alternative BYOB: Bring your own Books or other worship materials.
- Singing. Music will be supplied by our organist. Acclamations and responses, will be spoken.
- Nativity's choir loft is closed without permission of organist or choir director.
- The entrance and exit processions will be simple from the sacristy in the front of the church. There will be no offertory procession.
- Physical touching as a sign of peace, except between family members seated together.

Ushers Will Be Your Guide

- Ushers will be at the doors, as you enter and exit; ensuring church seating capacity is not exceeded, and will direct you as you approach to receive Communion.
- They will direct you to pews specifically marked, AND direct exiting from the church after Mass has ended.
- Seating has been adjusted to maintain 6 feet between one household and another
- They will collect the offerings with long-handled baskets.
- There will be no paper bulletins at this time. This will be assessed over the next couple of weeks.

If All Seats Are Full Before You Arrive For Sunday Mass

Father Bob Assures Us:

- You may make a Spiritual Communion,
- Your intention to be at Mass fulfills your obligation.
- You may come to a different Mass or a weekday Mass, and/or
- The 10:30 Mass will be live streamed, so people with devices can sit in cars if raining.
- You may listen to Mass from the lawn or the parking lot (we can leave doors open for this purpose. Windows do not open anymore).
- **NOTE: If you stay outside during Mass, you can come inside to receive Communion. Follow the directions of the Ushers.**

If You Attend Mass:

- Please sanitize your hands before entering, and after contact with your face.
- Arrive early, especially in these early weeks as we acquire new habits
- Wear a mask or other face covering upon entering the church and during the celebration of Mass, except for the brief moment of receiving Holy Communion, as discussed below
- Be mindful of six feet distance and tape markings along the floor.
- Be patient and be kind as we adapt to these changes.

Communion

Instructions for the distribution of communion will be clearly stated prior to the start of distribution.

Communion Line

- Ushers will direct starting from the front of the church. Approach via the center aisle and return via the side aisles, ensuring six-foot distancing in the communion line.
- Please follow the floor markings, which will maintain 6 foot distancing as you approach the sanctuary.
- As you approach, KEEP YOUR MASK ON, cup hands, say Amen, and host will be placed in without touching hand. Cover the host with one hand, step to the marked spot. Hold Jesus in one hand, lower mask, receive Communion. After receiving Communion, replace your mask and return to pew, following social distancing
- If you have any questions, please check out the video on the website