



# Mater Dei Catholic Parish

Established January 1, 2004

Dear Parish Family,

Happy Body and Blood of Christ Sunday to you and your family! **WELCOME BACK!**

On June 14, 2020, which is this Sunday, we will resume our weekend Masses. Here are our times of Masses: **7, 9, 11am, and 5:00pm.**

Please be familiar of the **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS AND PROCEDURES UPDATE** so that you can all prepare accordingly.

1. Please watch the brief introduction video from Bishop McElroy by click the [link](#).
2. Parishioners in vulnerable populations are encouraged to stay home.
3. High-risk individuals (e.g., parishioners who are 65 and older, who are immuno-compromised or who have underlying health conditions) are discouraged from serving in any capacity that brings them into contact with others.
4. Frequently touched objects such as statues, tabernacles, etc., are cordoned off to minimize potential points of contact.
5. For the time being, church gatherings – both inside and outside – are limited to 100 persons.

In the case of overflow gatherings, where parishioners are gathered to hear or view the Mass taking place in the church, communion ministers will bring communion to them.

6. No liturgy should have more than two musicians: a cantor and an accompanist. Because we are not encouraged to sing for the time being, cantors should not be inviting the congregation to do so either by gestures or verbal invitation.
7. At this time, communion to the sick or the homebound is limited to someone from the same household attending Mass and bringing communion to the sick person by way of a pyx. Appropriate instruction will be given to them to make them ready for the task.
8. The sharing of robes for altar servers and acolytes is to be avoided. Rather, such persons should minister in appropriate civilian attire for the time being.
9. The bishop has confirmed his preference for all parishes **to distribute communion to the faithful after the final blessing and dismissal**. The parishioners should leave the church after receiving communion, and small gatherings before and after Mass are not permitted.

10. Please also be reminded of the following to be observed:

a) Hygiene: In going to Church, ages two and above have to wear a face covering outside and inside the place of worship and use hand sanitizer as they enter. Signs will be posted at the place of worship so that we will be reminded; and

b) Social Distancing: Each household or individual has to stay 6 feet apart from different individuals or households. The seating availability is limited in our place of worship, and it is “**first come, first serve basis.**” I ask you to kindly follow the lead of our Church Ushers so that you will be seated in an orderly and gracious manner.

Because of the limited attendees allowed, I ask you to consider attending our weekly Mass at **5:30pm, Monday through Thursday & 1st Friday**, to help minimize the over flow of the weekend Masses.

Once again, we will welcome you back!

Fr. Ven