



SACRED HEART

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

As we are in Phase 1 of re-opening the church, Sunday Masses have resumed. We will observe the same Mass times as in the past (5PM Saturday, 7AM, 9AM 11AM and 5PM Sunday and 1PM Sunday Spanish Mass). Daily Masses are at 9AM until further notice. At this time, there will be no Monday evening Mass until further notice. The following restrictions apply in Phase 1:

- 1.) There is to be no physical contact during the Sign of Peace, except between family members, if they so choose.
- 2.) Use of Holy Water and the Precious Blood continue to be suspended.
- 3.) It is required for you to wear a mask, except when receiving Communion or if you have a medical reason that prevents you from wearing one. Please be kind and considerate of others during this difficult time. Please maintain physical distancing as much as possible and do not gather in groups before or after Mass.
- 4.) Certain pews will be closed off to allow proper distancing. All pews will be marked to indicate physical distancing of six feet.
- 5.) No collection basket will be passed. At the end of Mass, several collection baskets will be provided at the main doors of the Church should you wish to drop in your offering. We ask that you drop in your contribution as you leave the Church; there will be an announcement made during the Mass as a reminder. Also, there is a lockbox outside the Parish Office where you can leave your contribution at any time and you can always mail in your contributions. Thank you for your continued generosity.
- 6.) Mass will continue to be live-streamed daily, including Sunday, but only at 9AM and 1PM, not at every Sunday Mass.
- 7.) All Missalettes and Song Books have been removed from the pews for the time being. This is a recommendation from the Diocese to avoid contact with items frequently touched. We are leaving a limited number of Missalettes on the Parish Information Table. You may take one if you wish to use at Mass, but if you do, please take it home with you and do not leave it in the pews or back on the Information Table. Please note that the new Missalette for Ordinary Time begins on June 7.
- 8.) During phase 1, we are limited to use of 25% of the capacity of the Church. There will also be chairs in the Gathering Place to allow for additional spacing. We will be doing our best to monitor and enforce capacity restrictions. Please be kind and understanding. We are going to do our best to accommodate everyone while at the same time keeping everyone safe.
- 9.) Upstairs and downstairs restrooms in the church are available for your use. Other than restrooms, the rest of the downstairs of the Church will remain closed for the time being.
- 10.) All internal and external doors will be propped open throughout all Masses to maintain continuous airflow. Please do not remove the doorstops. In general, doors are going to be left open or closed for specific reasons. Please just leave the doors the way you find them. Thank you.
- 11.) The Dismissal from Mass will be done in phases. The celebrant will dismiss by section.

Please note that we will be doing our best to keep the Church as clean as possible. However, it is not possible to completely sanitize everything between every single Mass. To some extent, everyone who decides to come to Mass is assuming some risk. If you feel at all uncomfortable attending, please remember that **the dispensation to attend Mass is still in place and you may view the live-stream Mass. Please do not come to Mass or the Adoration Chapel if you are ill or exposed to anyone who is ill with any symptoms or if you have visited a high risk area of the country within the past 2 weeks.**

Please note that, at this time, Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals are still limited to no more than ten people, including celebrants and liturgical ministers. As soon as there is a change in this requirement, we will let you know. At this time, there will be no large Baptism classes held, but each family can have individual preparation with Deacon Joe. Please contact Deacon Joe at the parish for more information.

During Phase 1, there are to be no gatherings held at the Church, including prayer groups. Any events involving serving of food or drink are prohibited.

Water fountains in the Gathering Place have been temporarily disabled for everyone's safety.

The Adoration Chapel remains open with limited seating.

Confessions will continue to be offered outdoors following the schedule published on the website and in the bulletin.

The Parish Office is open to the public Monday –Friday 8-5, with the exception of holidays. However, we will continue to observe all safety precautions, so please note the following:

- 1.) Please wear a mask.
- 2.) We will limit the number of people in the reception area to one person or family at a time. Please wait your turn outside, maintaining social distancing. Please note that we still encourage you to conduct as much business as possible over the phone or through email.
- 3.) The receptionist will keep the window closed and speak to you through the window.
- 4.) Please do not come into the Parish Office if you are ill with any symptoms. The Office Staff are here to take phone calls and respond to emails and assist you in other ways if you need help but are not comfortable coming in.
- 5.) The lockbox for contributions will remain on the wall outside the Parish Office, so you do not need to come in to bring your contributions.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. We understand how much everyone has missed the Holy Mass and the clergy and staff are trying to offer you the ability to attend in the safest way possible.

May God continue to bless you.

Father Raj

