



SACRED HEART ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

“RETURNING TO NORMAL”

Effective July 1, 2021

“Being the living example of God's love to others”

With the Bishop's announcement that the dispensation from attending Mass ends on July 1, our Parish will be implementing the following changes on that date as we transition back to normal operations.

1. Sacraments –

- Reconciliation: All confessions will be held in the confessionals again. Saturday confessions will be held from 3-4:30 PM with two priests available. Monday confessions will be held 11AM – Noon with one priest available. Wednesday confessions will be held 6PM-7PM with one priest available.
- Anointing of the Sick: There will be an Anointing Mass held on August 28 at 11AM in the Church.

2. Mass Protocol:

- Holy Water will be returned to the fonts at both entrances to the Church.
- All pews are now open for seating in the Church; therefore, there will only be a limited number of chairs and missalettes available in the Gathering Place.
- The glass doors leading into the Church will remain propped open.
- Choir – The number of choir members will gradually increase back to normal. We encourage all to join in singing.
- We will return to having the Gifts brought to the altar by two parishioners selected by the ushers.
- Distribution of Holy Eucharist:
 - We will once again have double lines for Holy Communion and parishioners will proceed from front to back. There will be five Eucharistic Minister stations, including the celebrant.
 - Distribution of Communion on the tongue will be given by all Eucharistic Ministers in addition to the Priest and Deacon; this will take place during the normal Communion distribution.
 - Gluten-free Hosts will be distributed by the Priest after all others have received Communion.
 - Precious Blood distribution remains suspended.
 - Wearing of face coverings and use of hand sanitizer will be at the option of the Eucharistic Minister and will no longer be mandatory.
- We will continue the current procedure of not passing the collection basket. We will continue to use the collection receptacle to the left of the Information Table in the Gathering Place and a basket at the side entrance. There is also a secure box outside the door to the Parish Office that will be kept in place.
- For the month of July, livestream Mass will be offered on the Parish website for the Sunday 9 AM Mass only.
- The set up of the chairs in the sanctuary will return to the way it was before the pandemic.
- Altar servers who wish to assist at Mass should notify the Parish office.
- Children's Liturgy of the Word and babysitting services during Mass will not return during the summer months and this will be revisited in the fall.

Thank you for your continued understanding and God bless you all.