

Procedures and Protocols for Attending Mass

Because the safety and health of all is paramount, there are a number of protocols that must be followed when attending Mass.

1. Because of social distancing requirements, we will only be able to accommodate 130-150 worshipers at each Mass. For weekday Masses we will use a first come/first admitted system. Once we have reached our capacity we will not be able to admit anyone else. For Sunday Masses we will utilize a reservation system called SignUpGenius. The link for SignUpGenius can be found on the parish website and our Facebook page. You can reserve your place at any one of the Sunday Masses beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday of the prior week. Once a particular Mass reaches the capacity you will need to select a different Mass. Those who have reserved a seat will be admitted first. Those who arrive without a reservation will be seated afterward if we have not reached our capacity. PLEASE be understanding and charitable; we can only accommodate so many people safely.
2. Please arrive at least one half hour before the beginning of Mass.
3. After leaving your car, if there is a line, please wait patiently and stand at least six feet away from the person or persons in front of you. Social distancing is required at all times. Everyone will have to enter through **the front doors** of the Church. The Hartmayer Education Building will remain locked.
4. You must wear a mask; gloves are optional. (Because of a lack of supplies, we may not be able to provide you with a mask so PLEASE bring your own.) If you do not have one with you, we may have to ask you to get one and to attend a later Mass. You must wear a mask before, during, and after the Liturgy. You should also bring your own personal hand sanitizer to be used when receiving Holy Communion.
5. You will be greeted by a Minister of Hospitality, who has been trained in our new protocols. You will be asked if you are sick or

have a temperature. Please be gracious to the minister. We need to ask these questions in order to ensure that no one who is ill and possibly infected with the coronavirus enters the Church.

6. We ask that in greeting one another that you do not shake hands or embrace.
7. You will be directed to your seat. Families (same household) can be seated together. Individuals will be seated at least six feet away from others. We will seat worshipers starting from the front pews and moving backward. We are sorry but **you will not have the option of selecting a pew.**
8. We will not be providing Missalettes or Worship Aids at this time because of the danger of passing on the virus. We encourage you to use your smartphone or iPad to access the readings and the music on line. We will send out the links as we do for our live stream Masses. If using a phone, please mute the ringer.
9. Except for family members from the same household, please do not hold hands at the Our Father or shake hands or embrace at the Sign of Peace.
10. At Communion time, you will be directed into the Communion line by a Minister of Hospitality. Please maintain a distance of at least six feet from the person in front of you. Please sanitize your hands prior to approaching the Communion Minister. Communion will **ONLY** be given in the hand. After receiving Communion in your hand, step to the side, remove your mask and consume the Communion Host. Place the mask on your face, return to your seat, and sanitize your hands a second time.
11. After the Dismissal, you will be directed when to leave your pew and to exit the Church. You must exit at that time. We will begin from the back row of pews. There can be no congregating in the gathering space or outside the front of the Church. Wave to the Priest and Deacon and return to your cars. We ask that you **not** stay in Church for private prayer. We need to have sufficient time for our cleaning crews to clean and disinfect the pews and other surfaces.

12. There will be collection baskets in the gathering space as you exit; please deposit your contributions at that time. We will not be passing the basket at offertory in order to avoid passing on the virus.