

Currently, the dispensation from the Sunday obligation remains in effect for all Catholics. That is, attendance at public Masses is completely optional. There is no obligation or expectation for anyone to attend. Those who are feeling ill are not to come. Those who have concerns about health or safety are encouraged to stay at home. We will continue our daily livestreaming of Mass. Please see the schedule of Mass times posted on the website.

The protocols we are following have been specifically approved by the Diocese. These include:

- Social distancing of six feet will be required. Members of the same household may sit more closely to one another if they choose.

- Total attendance at Masses is not to exceed 50% of a church's seating capacity as determined by the fire marshal. Practically, this means: 200 at Holy Spirit (overflow of an additional 30 is possible). Please follow the directions of ushers and the signs, ropes, or tape marks provided to keep appropriate space. We ask your cooperation to minimize restroom use as well.

- **Masks are required.** They need to be removed in order to receive Communion, and then put back on following. Reception in the hand is mandatory at this time. However, the celebrant, deacon, music ministers, and lector will not wear masks while speaking or singing. Music ministers and lectors are asked to wear masks when not actively reading or singing.

- We will not be using Mass servers or choirs/ensembles at the present time. Music will be limited to an accompanist and cantor at most, or the entire Mass with antiphons will simply be spoken, which is foreseen in the Rite.

- Communion will be offered only under the form of bread.

- The collection will not take place during the Preparation of the Gifts; instead, you may drop your donation into the baskets as you leave. Those who wish may continue to mail in their contribution or use electronic giving. Thank you for your ongoing support!

- The Sign of Peace and any procession with the gifts will be omitted.

- The Holy Water fonts will remain empty, and the hymnals and missalettes are removed from the church and placed in storage for now. Bulletins will be placed on tables for you to take rather than handed out; they are also online if you prefer not to have a paper copy.

- The pews, door handles, musical and technical equipment, and other surfaces and objects used will be sanitized between each Mass.

Additional Information on Parish Life

The parish offices will remain closed to public business; as before, please email or call for assistance from our office staff.

Confessions remain by appointment only; please call your parish office to reserve a time for either Thursday afternoon or Saturday afternoon.

Please continue to pray for an end to this pandemic, for peace in our communities and world, for those who are suffering in manifold ways from the consequences of this worldwide crisis, and for the coming of the Holy Spirit, our Advocate and Guide.

Thank you for your understanding and your cooperation.

The Holy Spirit Staff