

## AS WE RESUME PUBLIC MASS

As we resume public mass please take note of the following information and the directions to follow in keeping with CDC social-distancing recommendations and the archdiocesan guidelines.

### Disinfecting our Church.

- The interior of the church building will be professionally disinfected every weekend before the weekend Masses begin using an **industrial strength solution**.
- The bathrooms and door knobs will also be disinfected.
  - **Restrooms**
    - The restroom in the vestibule of the church is reserved for women and girls only.
    - Men and boys should use the restroom downstairs in the nursery school.

### While inside the church

- Please use the main front entrance to enter the church.
- All parishioners should wear a face mask when they enter the church and during the entirety of Mass.
- Follow the instructions of the ushers to be seated. Pews have been marked and/or sectioned out in order to maintain social-distancing.
- Family members can sit together; but individuals should maintain six feet distance while sitting in the pews.

### During Mass

- Prayerfully participate in Mass as always, avoiding distractions. We may be socially distancing, but Jesus is socially and sacramentally close to us at Mass.
- **Singing** will be done by the organist/pianist and the cantor. Hymnals and missalette will not be available to all. You can bring your own missal or missalette, but be sure to take it home with you.
- **Offertory**
  - We sincerely thank those who continue to support our parish financially during this pandemic, and we acknowledge that there are those who are not able to support at this time. May God reward you all.
  - Offertory basket will be available near the exit doors in the church. Please use them to give your offering.
  - We encourage those who can to use faith direct online giving for their offering. Those who wish to mail in their offering can do so also.
- There will be no giving of the **Sign of Peace**. The priest will skip this during mass till further notice.

- **Communion**

- All Catholics in the state of grace are invited to receive our Lord in the Eucharist.
- Maintain six feet distance between you and the next person in line for communion.
- Those who will not receive communion (including children who may remain quiet in the pews) should remain in their seats and not come up for blessing. The blessing at the end of mass will reach them.
- When receiving communion, please keep your mask on until you are first in line.
- Please receive communion in the hand by placing one hand under the other while keeping your fingers together, making “a throne for the King,” as St. Cyril of Jerusalem says.
- Although all are encouraged to receive in the hand out of concern for the most vulnerable, those who wish to receive communion **on the tongue** should go to the end of Fr. Hughes’ line on the St. Joseph side.
- Those who wish to receive low gluten host should inform the priest when they arrive at Mass.

### **Dismissal**

- At the end of the mass, please exit the church from any of the doors and try to maintain social distancing.

### **Questions**

- If you have any question, please contact the parish office.

May the blessings of God be upon us as we gather to worship together, and may his angels keep us safe and healthy. Amen.