



Highlighted text is specific to attendees; remaining text more general parish safety practices.

Pre-Mass

- Attendees who are ill, experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, or caring for someone who is ill are asked to refrain from attending Mass in the Church.
- Per the State of Minnesota Executive Order 20-81, face coverings are required to be worn by individuals over the age of 5 years beginning July 25. Individuals who have medical or other health conditions, disabilities or mental health, developmental, or behavioral needs that make it difficult to tolerate wearing a face covering are exempt from the requirement. You are not required to explain or provide proof of your medical condition, please simply state that you cannot wear one.
- Doors will open ½ hour prior to the start of Mass. Please arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass to so we can safely seat you in the church before Mass begins.
- Please keep your household socially distanced at least 6 feet from other attendees as you enter and leave the campus, wait on sidewalks to enter, and walk through the parking lot and other common spaces. Please keep small children close and do not allow them to wander.
- Staff/volunteers will sanitize your hands when you enter and before Holy Communion. If you have skin sensitivities or other concerns with the sanitizer, you can choose to wash hands in the restrooms.
- Ushers will count people as they enter; we cannot allow more than 1/2 capacity, with a max capacity of 250 per current regulations. If we reach capacity, you will be asked to participate from the parking lot (via YouTube or Facebook) or to return for a later liturgy. Our Masses will be livestreamed each weekday and on Sunday.
- Exterior and interior doors will be propped open when possible to minimize contact with door handles.
- Signs will be posted as reminders to maintain safe distancing and sanitary guidelines.
- High-use areas of the church, including restrooms, will be disinfected before and after each liturgy.

- Baptismal and holy water fonts will remain empty.
- Pews are marked off to provide proper spacing; ushers will escort attendees into pews. We will seat from the front to the back of church and dismiss from back to front to maintain social distancing. Please sit in the pew indicated by the usher.
- The cry room, Harvester Room, Chapel and all meetings rooms will be unavailable. If your children need to be taken from the church, please bring them outside the building or to your vehicle until you can return.
- Please respect the directions of the ushers when entering the Church. Sit in the pews indicated by the usher, allow the usher to dismiss you, and move into line for the reception of Holy Communion.



During Mass

- The CDC has recommended no congregational singing for now; there will be cantors in the choir area for weekend Masses. The liturgy guides will include the hymn lyrics for reading and reflection.
- The offering of the sign of peace will be eliminated, and hand holding during the Lord's Prayer is not permitted.

Please see back for procedures for the reception of Holy Communion.

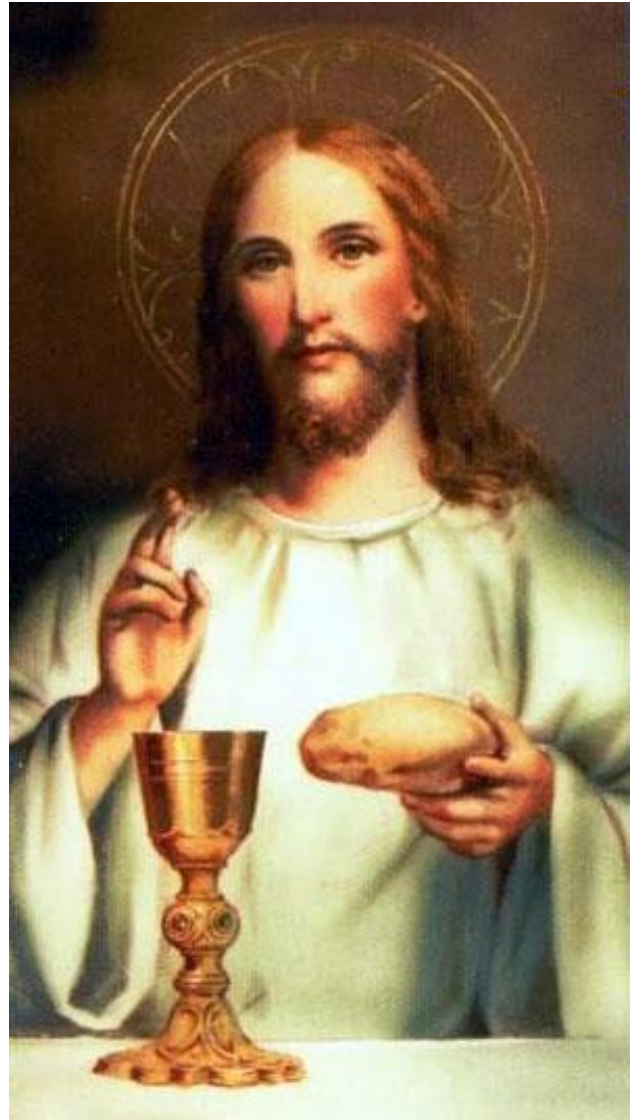
Reception of Holy Communion

- Communion will be distributed after Mass.

Note: Following the 10:30 a.m. Mass, those who participated in the Mass from our parking lot via YouTube or Facebook will be able to receive Holy Communion under the entrance canopy if they wish.

Please remain in your vehicles until directed by ushers, who will come to the parking lot after the parishioners inside the church have exited. Please note that Holy Communion will not be brought to vehicles except in special circumstances where the communicant is unable to physically move to the distribution area under the canopy.

- When you approach the stations for Holy Communion, proper social distancing guidelines must be maintained. Keep your small children next to you. Ushers will be escorting parishioners pew by pew into lines in the gathering space, where the floors are marked to help maintain proper social distancing.
- Parishioners may receive Holy Communion on the tongue or in the hand.
 - You may not wear gloves while receiving; you cannot receive the Eucharist in a disposable item such as a cup, tissue or plate.
 - Maintain 6 feet of distance; please stretch out your arms when receiving in the hand.
- The minister will use hand sanitizer between each communicant who receives on the tongue. If the minister touches your hand while distributing Holy Communion to you, he/she will use hand sanitizer before distributing Communion to the next person.
- You may choose to keep your face mask on while the minister holds up the Sacred Host and says, “The Body of Christ.” Reply, “Amen,” and then remove your face mask to receive Communion, whether you are receiving on the tongue or in the hand.
- The Precious Blood will not be distributed at this time.
- During the distribution of Holy Communion, please maintain reverent silence in the gathering space and parking lot to allow communicants time for silent prayers of thanksgiving.
- For those who choose not to partake of Holy Communion, ushers will guide you out of the Church in a safe manner following usher dismissal by pews.



Post Mass

- The collection baskets will be available after Mass as you leave the church. Please consider online donations if possible.
- Disposable liturgy guides will be available at Sunday Masses; please deposit the guides in the recycling receptacles as you exit.
- After Mass, you may pick up a bulletin on your way out; you may also access our bulletin online.
- Please do not congregate outside the church doors or in the parking lot to visit before or after Mass. We need to ensure that we are following social distancing guidelines if we expect to remain open for public celebrations of the Mass.

(information as of Saturday, July 25, 2020)

Please check parish communications (website, *myParish* App) before heading to Mass in case of changes.