



Guidelines Announced for Parishes in 'Yellow' Zone Counties

Highlights of these guidelines include:

- The dispensation from the Sunday obligation to attend Mass is still in place. All Mass livestreams are strongly encouraged to continue.
- Public Masses may resume at the Pastor's discretion, so long as social distancing and proper sanitation is observed. Sanitation must take place after every Mass. Parish buildings may contain no more than 1/3 occupancy at any given time. Please contact your parish directly for more information on any changes to Mass schedules. Public Masses may also take place in church halls, outdoors and in church parking lots.
- All parishioners attending Mass must wear a face mask. Masks may only be removed when receiving Holy Communion.
- Holy Communion will be distributed after Mass. We recommend that Holy Communion be received on the hand.
- Confessions may resume at the Pastor's discretion, pending social distancing and proper sanitation are followed. Creative means of confessions, including using outdoor spaces, are encouraged.
- Weddings, funerals, and baptisms may resume, so long as occupancy and all protective measures are followed.
- Adoration chapels may be opened with limited hours, occupancy and strict sanitization after each visitor.
- Parishes are to use tape or rope to indicate proper social distancing within the parish buildings, including the pews.
- Proper sanitation will occur after every gathering and at the close of every day.
- Holy Water fonts will remain empty. Bottled holy water may be available for parishioners to take home.
- All hymnals, missals, missalettes and Bibles will be removed. Printed worship aids may be provided for all public Liturgies. These worship aids will be disposed by the user when leaving the church. Projection devices may also be used.
- The Sign of Peace will continue to be omitted.
- Limited public entrances may be opened.