

ANSWERING YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT COMING BACK TO MASS

Welcome back. As we gather again for the celebration of Mass, we are asked to take the following precautions and show charity for the well-being of our neighbors.

1. Now that Mass has resumed in the Church, do I have to attend a Sunday Mass?

The Sunday obligation for Mass remains lifted by our bishop. You can attend Sunday Mass in the Church, attend a weekday 8am Mass in the Church, or attend Mass online via livestream, available every day.

2. How early should I arrive for Mass in the Church?

The Church doors open 30 minutes before Mass begins, to give us the proper time to clean. Allow a little extra time when arriving to check in with our hospitality team. If you arrive earlier than 30 minutes before Mass, please wait in your car.

3. Is there anything I need to do before coming for Mass in the Church?

Before you come, do a self-assessment of Covid-19 symptoms, including checking your temperature. (Visit www.CDC.gov for more information.) If you feel ill for any reason, please remain at home. Bring a face covering, as you will need one to enter the Church.

4. What about while I am at the Church?

Please maintain 6-feet of social distance at all times with anyone not in your household. You will need to wear a face covering while in the Church and sanitize your hands. For your convenience, hand sanitizer stations are available throughout the Church.

5. Can I pick where I sit for Mass in the Church?

Our ushers will guide everyone to a seat until we fill the Church. There are designated areas for individuals, pairs and families as we work within capacity guidelines. It is important that your family arrive together so we may seat you together. Please no strollers in the Church at this time.

6. What do I do with my offertory envelope?

Your envelopes may be placed in the basket on the credenza in the entrance of the Church – or consider using our convenient online giving. We thank you for your stewardship!

7. What do I do during the “Sign of Peace” and “Our Father”?

Please refrain from touching. A simple wave or bow will do.

8. How do I receive Communion?

Temporarily, distribution of Communion will take place at the end of Mass along with dismissal. The Eucharist will be offered only on the hand at this time. You will be invited one row at a time to move to a Communion station and sanitize your hands prior to receiving the host.

9. What do I do after receiving Communion?

The final blessing occurred prior to Communion. We ask that as you exit the Church, you go directly to your vehicle. Please refrain from socializing and do not congregate around the parish grounds. Cleaning and sanitizing of the Church will begin immediately after Mass.

10. What can I do to help?

Please follow the guidelines for your safety and in consideration of your neighbor. We ask your charity and patience as we do our best to work through these new procedures. If you would like to volunteer to help with our daily or weekend Masses, please call the Parish Office 407.831.1212.

