

SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC MASS CELEBRATION

The general dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days was lifted as of Pentecost 2021. With guidance from the Diocese of St. Petersburg and the CDC, we are updating our safety guidelines as follows:



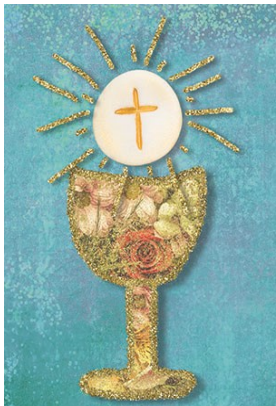
Those who are **fully vaccinated** are no longer required to wear a mask while attending Mass.

Those **not fully vaccinated** must continue to wear a mask for their protection and for the protection of others.

Admittance will be available through the front and rear doors of the church. You may leave through any exit door.

Hand sanitizer will be available at all doors.

Social-distancing seating is available in the first six rows of the east, or choir, side of the church. Please see an usher if you need assistance finding a seat.



No holding hands during the Lord's Prayer, and no physical exchange of Peace.

Parishioners will bring the offerings of bread and wine to the priest.

Ushers will direct parishioners down the center aisle to the nearest priest or extraordinary minister to receive communion.

You can only receive communion by the hand; there is no communion from the cup.

Please bring a personal supply of hand sanitizer to use before receiving Communion.

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass will continue for the following circumstances:

1. You are ill, or your health condition would be significantly compromised if you were to contract an infectious illness.
2. You exhibit flu-like symptoms.
3. You have good reason to think you might be asymptomatic of a contagious illness.
4. You care for the sick, homebound, or infirmed.
5. You are pregnant.
6. Those 65 years of age or older (per the CDC's recommendation of high-risk individuals).
7. You cannot attend Mass through no fault of your own.
8. If you have significant and reasonable fear or anxiety of becoming ill by being at Mass.



Those who do not attend Mass must still observe the Lord's Day and are encouraged to spend time in prayer on Sunday, meditating on the Lord's passion, death, and resurrection; an excellent way to do this is through participating in a broadcast/live stream of the Sunday Mass.

Thank You! for your patience, kindness, and forbearance to each other.