

GUIDELINES FOR THE RESUMPTION OF COMMUNITY MASS

HOLY TRINITY AND ST. THERESA CHURCHES

Opening of the Churches: (May 11, 2020)

- Number of people at Mass will be limited to 25% of capacity. Therefore, English Weekend Masses will be celebrated on Saturday at 4:30 PM and 6:00 PM, and on Sundays at 11:00 AM, while Spanish Mass will be celebrated at 1:30 PM and 3:00 PM on Sunday at Holy Trinity Parish. At St. Theresa, Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM
- If you are not feeling well, please stay home because you would not be allowed in the church. If you are over 65 years of age, have respiratory issues or are immunocompromised, please stay home.
- Parishioners, deacons, Altar Servers and priests are strongly encouraged to wear a mask.
- We will observe social distancing, six feet of separation at all times (entering, sitting, Communion procession, leaving) only families may sit closely together. No gathering in the vestibule, no handshake or hugs. No social gatherings before or after Mass.
- Ensure proper cleaning of frequently touched surfaces in the church after each Mass concludes, following CDC guidelines. (**Need Volunteers after every Mass to clean**)

Holy Communion Requirements:

- Strongly recommend that Holy Communion be received in the hand.
- Priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers should not contact exposed skin.
- In the Communion line, people are to come up in a single file line and maintain a distance of six feet from the person in front of them.
- Communion to the homebound remains suspended due to the health risks posed to some of our most vulnerable parishioners.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

- The Bishop has granted general absolution through the month of May.
- Private reconciliation may commence on June 1, 2020
- General absolution may be provided to those in attendance only.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

- Every week on Friday at Holy Trinity a celebration of the Rite of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction will be held followed with Mass. (Social Distancing and wearing of masks is very much encouraged.

The primary goal is to approach the lifted restrictions with great care, keeping the safety of all parishioners and clergy at the forefront of the decision-making. Let us do our very best to adjust to the new normal together as one family in faith.

With God's Blessings.