



Mass Attendance Guidelines

General Guidelines

Please do not enter the church if you have fever, cough or any other symptoms of an acute respiratory illness. The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is suspended by the Diocese of Buffalo at this time

Face masks covering nose and mouth must be worn at all times while in our buildings and during Mass.

We encourage you to bring your own mask and hand sanitizer. A limited supply of masks will be available if needed.

Please carefully maintain at least a 6' distance between individuals at all times. Immediate families or other household members may remain closer as a group but must maintain safe distancing from other individuals or groups.

Please cover coughs and sneezes with tissues or the inside of the elbow and use hand sanitizer after coughing and/or sneezing.

When using the parish restrooms, wash hands with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.

Entering the Church

Please use hand sanitizer upon entering the building. Hand sanitizer will be stationed at the entrances to the church.

Please do not congregate in the foyer.

Please be seated in the pews distanced from other households. Ushers will help guide you to available seating and may have additional instructions

While at Mass

Singing by the congregation has been temporarily suspended in order to minimize aerosol and droplet exposure. Singing by the cantor will continue, but choirs are temporarily suspended.

Responses to prayers during Mass should be as quiet as possible, and talking should be kept to a minimum.

The offertory procession has been temporarily suspended.

For the collection, the basket will not be passed from person to person, but rather ushers will take up the collection travelling between pews.

At the sign of peace, a simple wave or nod of the head is appropriate at this time. Please avoid touching others and do not shake hands.

In addition to their training, ministers have received Covid specific instructions relevant to their ministry. At this time, there will be one altar server during Mass, serving with permission from their parents if applicable.

Communion

Please use hand sanitizer before and after Communion.

To facilitate distancing, do not form a procession line for Communion but remain in your seat. Eucharistic Ministers will travel in between pews to distribute communion among the congregation.

After receiving the host from the Eucharistic Minister, masks may be briefly removed to allow consumption of the host and must be immediately replaced.

Communion will be distributed in the hand only in keeping with current Diocesan guidelines. Distribution of the precious blood is temporarily suspended.

Exiting the Church

Await direction from ushers to leave pews and exit sanctuary.

Please use hand sanitizer upon leaving.

Please do not congregate in the foyer.

Please know that the parish facilities staff has taken great care to minimize viral exposure by conducting frequent and thorough disinfection procedures in accordance with established CDC guidelines.

We respectfully request the cooperation of every parishioner in carefully observing the above guidelines in order to maintain as safe an environment as possible for all.

We gratefully appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we gather as a parish family and move toward a brighter future for our beloved community!

May the Holy Spirit guide us as we continue our mission to be God's heart of mercy and love, God's voice of hope and truth and God's hands of justice and healing to all people.

Welcome back, welcome home. May God Bless you and keep you safe!