



GUIDELINES FOR RETURN TO PUBLIC WORSHIP AND MASS
AT SACRED HEART CHURCH

- Those who are “high risk” are especially cautioned to avoid public gatherings, including Mass until it is considered safe for them to attend. Consider other options for attending Mass, such as live-stream, other Mass times, or at a public daily Mass.
- Those attending Mass are asked to maintain hand hygiene. Wash you hands before coming to Mass, bring your own hand sanitizer with you if possible. Hand sanitizer will be available at the entrance door to the church.
- Those attending Mass are asked to wear a cloth face covering, unless they are under the age of two. Sacred Heart will offer face masks (while supplies last) to those who do not have their own.
- There will be only one door available for entrance / exit in the church. This will be the ramp door next to the parking lot.
- Holy Water Fonts at the door will be empty. Hand sanitizing will be available at the church door.
- Those attending Mass are asked to maintain safe physical distancing (six feet between persons) before, during and after Mass. Members of the same family / household are not bound by safe distancing.
- The missalettes in the pews have been removed. If you have a “Word Among Us” to follow the readings and Mass parts, you may bring it with you to Mass. Be sure you take it home with you.
- Choirs and congregational singing are discouraged. Music will be played and sung by a cantor, or no music will be played during Mass.
- There will be no offertory procession (bringing up the gifts) or offertory collection during Mass. There will be baskets at the church door in which to place your offertory envelopes.
- Following "The Lord's Prayer" the instruction "Let us offer each other the sign of peace" and the subsequent sign of peace is omitted. The liturgy will proceed directly to the "Lamb of God"

- For the distribution of communion:
 - a. Those receiving communion are to line in a single file in the center aisle while maintaining safe distancing of six feet. Members of families are not bound by safe distancing.
 - b. Distribution from the cup will be omitted.
 - c. Those receiving communion are to remove face masks immediately before receiving so as not to fumble with the masks and communion.
 - d. **RECEPTION OF COMMUNION IN THE HAND IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED.**

- **THE USE OF THE PUBLIC RESTROOM IS DISCOURAGED UNLESS IT IS AN ABSOLUTE EMERGENCY!**

- Following Mass, parishioners will be dismissed by row so as to avoid too many people gathering at the exit door.

- Following Mass, it is suggested that socialization is to be avoided, especially in the church building.

- If you visit the parish office:
 - a. Please call ahead before you come to the office, or schedule a time to visit
 - b. Be sure maintain hand hygiene. Wash your hands before coming to the parish office, and use hand sanitizer when you arrive and when you leave.
 - c. Please wear a cloth face covering when you come to the parish office.