



St. Mary Catholic Church

Attending Mass during the Pandemic

- While every effort will be made to ensure the safety and protection of those who come to mass, you will assume some risk just by venturing out and encountering other people.
- It is still recommended that if you are 65 or older that you should still stay home.
- You may call the office during office hours to reserve a spot for Mass.
 - In the beginning you will only be allowed to reserve for one Mass until everyone wishing to have had the same opportunity. Then we will open the reservations for a 2nd time.
 - You must talk to the secretary directly, messages left on the machine will not be allowed.
- You must not have any cold or fever on the day you've scheduled to come to Mass.
- Bathrooms will be closed.
- We are not allowed to hand out bulletins.
- There will be no music books in the pews.
- You must bring and wear a mask in the church at all times.
- You may wear gloves, but you must remove them to receive communion.
- You must arrive 15 minutes before the scheduled Mass keeping a 6-foot minimum distance between yourself and others.
- You will be greeted at the door and lead to your assigned seat.
- There are no books in the pews, if you wish to follow along, you may bring your own liturgy guide or go to the USCCB website to download the readings for your day.
- Communion will only be distributed in the hand (instructions on how to receive will be given at communion time.)
- While we are limited to only 10 people, communion will be brought to each person individually. When we are allowed to have more than 10 people you will you will be directed by an usher when you may leave your seat to receive communion, always maintaining a 6-foot distance from another person (except the priest when you actually receive communion.)
- You will be directed back to your seat after communion.
- You will be dismissed by an usher at the conclusion of Mass.
- You will not be able to remain after Mass to pray, nor will you be allowed to stay and congregate outside the church. Upon leaving you must go directly to your car.

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