

Guidelines for attending Mass during the pandemic

We will be open for Public Mass on Saturdays at 5PM and Sundays at 10AM. We have many guidelines that we must follow to do this safely. To maintain social distancing, we will only be able to accommodate approximately 50 people in the church. Seating will be on a first come, first serve basis.

We ask that you plan on arriving 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass. The following three questions are posted on the doors of the church

- Have you or anyone in your household had a fever in the past two (2) weeks?
- Do you or anyone in your household have a new cough or new shortness of breath?
- Have you come into contact with anyone who is positive with COVID-19 in the past two (2) weeks?

By entering the church, you are stating that the answer to all three questions is NO:

Anyone not wearing a face covering (if they are age 10 and older), will not be permitted to enter the church.

Ushers will seat all parishioners starting at the front of the church. You must sit where the ushers direct.

As we venture into this time of change for celebrating our liturgy, I welcome you with an open heart. Please be safe and pray for each other. Please remember your own safety and well-being. If you are in the vulnerable category, **PLEASE STAY HOME.**

- Vulnerable category. Parishes are strongly encouraged to stress upon the faithful in a vulnerable category (i.e., older adults, those 65 years and older; people who are immunocompromised) to remain home, as per the recommendation of the CDC and the Governor of Virginia. Further, parishes are strongly encouraged to avoid asking those in a vulnerable category to volunteer as ministers at Mass.
- Dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass. Due to the capacity limit for liturgies, in turn limiting the number of faithful who can attend Mass and recognizing, too, that those in a vulnerable category should remain home, Bishop Knestout dispenses all of the faithful of the Diocese of Richmond from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days until further notice.