

As our journey with the COVID-19 pandemic goes forward, we continue to adhere to the recommendations of our Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama. The challenge remains in how we balance our need for our participation in Holy Eucharist with the obligation to protect the health and safety of all. Without any doubt, there are serious health issues with this pandemic for people of all ages, especially the elderly and those with pre-existing conditions. With a joyful return to gathering as a parish family since the cancellation of all parish activities, the following are the guidelines for the celebration of Mass

As stated by Bishop Zarama, all of the faithful continue to be dispensed from their Sunday obligation. While this dispensation is applicable to all, the elderly, the sick, those with pre-existing health conditions or other vulnerable people should continue to stay at home.

Do not attend Mass if you have symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, muscle pain, soar throat, or recent loss of taste of smell) or been exposed to another with Covid-19 within the past 14 days.

How to attend Mass

- The attendance is limited to 250 people per Mass
- Enter only through the main front door. Exit through all available doors
- The church will be open 30 minutes before each Mass and doors will be closed 5 minutes prior to Mass. The communal rosary before Mass is suspended
- Social distancing (6ft distance from those who do not live in the same household) must be maintained before, during and after Mass
- Face masks are required to cover the nose and mouth during the entire stay inside the building.
- Washing hands before Mass or using hand sanitizers is required upon entering the building.
- Do not make direct physical contact with others (hugs, handshakes, holding hands, etc.)
- Music is suspended and no hymnals will be in use.
- You must remain in your seat for the entire Mass, including offertory and Communion
- Ushers will collect offertory at your seat. Baskets will not be passed from person to person
- Communion procession is suspended. Remain standing in place and a minister will bring you Holy Communion
- The offertory procession and the sign of peace will be suspended