

WHAT WILL OUR MASS SCHEDULE BE?

WEEKDAY MASS

MONDAY – SATURDAY, 7:45 A.M.

SUNDAY MASS

SATURDAY VIGIL, 4:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, 7:00 A.M. / 9:00 A.M. / 11:00 A.M.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW WILL MASS WORK?

- Based on occupancy restrictions, we can accommodate 150 people in church at one time.
- There will only be one entrance into the building and one exit out.
- Parishioners will line up in the designated space outside of the church while following social distance guidelines.
- Once allowed to enter, Parishioners will be directed to a seat by a staff member and the capacity will be monitored by the number of pews filled or the required capacity allowance is met.
- Each Mass will be first come, first served.
- Face masks are required to enter the church. You will not be allowed in without a face mask.
- There will be a worship aide available electronically for you to follow the Mass by downloading it from the parish website at www.sfastl.org. No hymnals will be in the pews.
- You may also use your phone or other electronic device in church to view the worship aide.
- The 7:45 a.m. weekday Mass and 7 a.m. Sunday Mass will have no music.
- There will be music at 4 p.m. Saturday evening and 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday morning.
- The priest will say all the prayers and readings.
- The priest will put on a mask, sanitize his hands and come to you to distribute Holy Communion if you wish. He will purify his fingers and sanitize his hands after the distribution of Holy Communion.
- Distribution of Holy Communion from the chalice is prohibited to the assembly.
- When the priest arrives at your pew, you may remain kneeling, stand or sit. The communicant is to pull their mask below their chin in order to prepare to receive Communion and reverently make a bow of their head and place one hand resting on the palm of the other for the priest to place the host in your hand. The communicant immediately replaces their mask after consuming the Host.
- You should reverently consume the host, being careful that no particles of the host are dropped off your hand.
- The Mass will end as usual, with the addition that all will be asked to be seated and pews will be dismissed in an orderly fashion out one exit door while wearing masks.

WILL WE CONTINUE TO LIVE STREAM MASS?

Yes, all Masses will be live streamed at www.sfastl.org/live for those who wish to stay home or sit in their vehicle.

GENERAL GUIDELINES/REMINDERS

Dispensation of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues until further notice.

Parishioners who are symptomatic or who have been exposed to another with the virus should not come to church, in accordance with national, state and local health directives.

Parishioners should take their temperature at home before coming to determine whether they should attend Mass.

Anyone over 60 years-old and those with underlying health complications are encouraged to participate in Masses via live-stream only.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

The faithful are **obliged** to wear a mask during the celebration of Mass, except for the brief moment of receiving Communion. You will not be allowed to enter the church without a face covering. No masks will be available at the door. This is required for all children at least two (2) years old and all adults.

Hand sanitizer will be available in the church at various locations marked with signs.

ENTRANCE & EXIT

There will be one entrance into church on the south parking lot at the door under the bell tower. Parishioners will be required to line up outside in the designated space. Doors to church will open 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass. Accommodations will be made for the disabled.

All parishioners will be required to exit church in one direction out the door at the south stair well facing the rectory. Staff will be in place to direct all parishioners.

SEATING

Members of the same household will be allowed to sit together. Families are to maintain six-foot distancing between their family and others.

Every other pew will remain empty in between Parishioners. Parishioners will be seated as they arrive and shown where to sit by a staff member in order to maintain the number of people in the building.

HOLY WATER

The holy water fonts are to remain empty until further notice. If you would like holy water, please see a priest or deacon for assistance.

WILL WE TAKE UP THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION?

No. We will not walk around to each pew. Collection baskets will not be passed, nor will ushers take up the collection from the congregation. There will be a collection box at the exit of church to place your offering. Or you may still continue to mail in your offertory envelopes to the rectory or drop them in the mailbox at the rectory front door. Please consider giving your offertory online.

We thank you for your continued generosity in supporting our Parish mission.

SIGN OF PEACE

The sign of peace will be suspended. Do not shake hands with another person.

HOLY COMMUNION

You are to remain in your pew. The priest will come to you. When the priest arrives at your pew, you may remain kneeling, stand or sit. The communicant is to pull their mask below their chin in order to prepare to receive Communion and reverently make a bow of their head and place one hand resting on the palm of the other for the priest to place the host in your hand. The communicant immediately replaces their mask after consuming the Host.

WHAT WILL THE CONFESSION SCHEDULE BE?

The outdoor drive thru confessions have been working so well, and will continue in the same manner. Confessions will be heard in the drive thru at the following times:

Mondays and Wednesday: 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Saturdays: 2:45 p.m.

Confessions can also be by appointment with the priest.

WILL THE CHURCH REMAIN OPEN FOR PRAYER?

Yes, the church will remain open for private prayer. The following schedule will start on May 18.

Monday – Saturday: 8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Sundays: 12:00 Noon – 7:00 p.m.

WILL THE CHURCH BE CLEANED REGULARLY?

Yes, the church will continue to be cleaned and sanitized regularly as we have been doing.

Appropriate cleaning of high-use areas within the church will be completed after each Mass.

IS SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIRED IN CHURCH?

Yes, if you are coming in church for private prayer, social distancing of 6 feet from another is in effect.

CAN WE RESUME OUR MEETINGS OR OTHER EVENTS?

At this point, all meetings and social gatherings are still prohibited on the St Francis of Assisi Parish campus. If your ministry leader has a need, they should contact the Pastor for discussion.

WILL THE RECTORY OFFICE OPEN AGAIN?

Yes, the rectory office will open again on Monday, May 18.

Rectory hours will be Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

However, we ask you to please consider if it is truly necessary to come in to the building. If you feel sick, you should stay home.

WILL THE BULLETIN BE AVAILABLE STILL?

Yes, we will still publish a bulletin that can be viewed online or picked up outside the rectory front door. No bulletins will be handed out at the end of Mass.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

Due to the small space, the Adoration Chapel will remain closed. It is not possible to social distance in that space. However, the church will be open each day for private prayer with Jesus present in the tabernacle. Special times for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be announced.

WEDDINGS/FUNERALS/BAPTISMS

These liturgies may happen at the discretion of the Pastor. Please contact the rectory for consultation.