



St John the Evangelist

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Big Changes for Mass at St John!

Now that all parishes in the Archdiocese are in Phase 3, we are able to make some big changes in our Mass protocol.

No more sign-ups! Just come to Mass when the spirit moves you. No pre-planning required.

No more check-in! We will not be checking temperatures or writing down names. We do ask that you please be sure to self-evaluate for COVID symptoms before attending Mass.

Seating Distance requirements have been eased! We no longer are required to seat people 6 feet apart. However, we know that some people will still be uncomfortable sitting close to others so we will continue have a section of the church for those who want some social distance.

Masks are still required! There are still many benefits to wearing a mask. The Archdiocese has asked that we continue to do so for everyone's health and safety.

No passing of the collection basket! The collection basket will stay in the vestibule of the church for now. You can drop your envelope in the basket before or after Mass.

8:30am Sunday Mass is coming back! June 19th and 20th we will begin celebrating our usual three weekend Masses in person. The 5pm Vigil Mass on Saturdays and the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses on Sundays.

We will continue to be vigilant in our parish safety practices. Air handlers will still be in use, doors will be left open when the weather allows, we will have hand sanitizer and wipes available for all to use, and cleaning protocols will be maintained.

We are excited by these changes, but know that not all will feel comfortable coming back just yet. We will continue to live-stream the Vigil Mass and post it to our website for weekend viewing. Feel free to contact us with any concerns or questions.

As you come back to Mass for the first time, there are a couple things to note:

Update on Kneeling at Mass

Postures During the Liturgy of the Eucharist The assembly will kneel following the Sanctus until after the great Amen at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer. **They will kneel again following the Lamb of God until it is time for their row to go forward for communion.** Upon returning from Holy Communion, the faithful can kneel or be seated (GIRM 43).

[There are cues in the worship aid to help remind of us of this change in practice.]

Communion Process:

Communion minister first offers communion to individuals with a disability.

After, the communion Minister moves to the front of the Church.

Mass attendees receive from front row to back. Ushers facilitate movement. Please be mindful of social distancing. Please keep your mask on until you have received the Eucharist, then lower your mask and consume the Eucharist. After consumption, please replace your mask and return to your pew for the final blessing.