

Mass at 50% Capacity

St. Mary's, Sts. Mary and Martha, and Our Lady of the Snow Parishes

Under Current Coronavirus Restrictions as of 3/2/2020 at 12p – subject to change.

You are still welcome to attend Masses you may have already signed up for online. Yet, because we can now operate at 50% capacity *there is not currently a need to pre-register for Mass.*

If you are coming to Mass, please bear the following in mind:

- We disinfect the pews and surfaces after Mass.
- All in attendance should wear a mask. Gloves are not necessary. *Gloves cannot be worn during the reception of Holy Communion.*
- Hand sanitizer is available at the entrance to the Church.
- Your family / members of your immediate household may sit together (with your own family you may sit closer than 6' apart) in one pew or adjacent pews.
- Sit only in pews that are "open" and not taped off.
- All hymnals/missalettes have been removed. We will not be singing at this Mass.
- Diocesan guidelines stipulate that the priest need only wear a mask only during the time of the distribution of Holy Communion.
- A cantor and/or small choir is permitted provided they are at least 12' away
- Altar servers are permitted to do tasks such as carry the cross and sit in the sanctuary, but are not permitted to actually handle any vessels for Mass.

At Mass, the priest will describe the following about Holy Communion:

Catholics in the state of grace are welcome to receive the Eucharist although no one is obliged to receive. Those not receiving Communion are urged to make an Act of Spiritual Communion, inviting the Lord into their hearts.

When approaching Holy Communion, **make sure you are not wearing gloves**, and form a single line in the middle of the center aisle and remain six feet apart from others (tape may indicate where to wait). Approach the priest, stopping an arm's length away.

To receive Holy Communion (we suggest at this time you consider receiving the Lord reverently in your hand) lower your mask briefly, extend your arms away from your body and open your hand up fully. Having received the Lord in your hand, step away from the priest slightly, *and then receive Holy Communion immediately before returning to your pew*. Re-affix your mask before walking back. There will be no distribution of the Precious Blood.

A collection basket will be available should you wish to provide an envelope or charitable gift; thank you for your generosity and we understand if circumstances prevent this at this time.

As always stay home if you have a fever, are not feeling well, feel at risk because of pre-existing conditions, or the like. The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days remains lifted at this time.