



In-Person Liturgy in the Age of Coronavirus - How We Adjust Our Practice for Mass

Thank you for planning to join us for Liturgy in person at St. Elizabeth. As we return to Mass together, we need to adjust our usual practices before, during, and after our prayer time at Mass.

These adjustments are intended to help us:

- Maintain all participants' health and safety
- Honor the guidelines for gathering provided by our civic and religious leaders

These different practices are intended to be temporary, a station on the journey as we anticipate the day we can worship together in one space at one time.

Additional adjustments may be made following detailed review of our initial gatherings. Here are the adjustments:

PLEASE STAY HOME

- If you have a fever – take your temperature before you leave home for Mass
- If you have ANY underlying health conditions: diabetes, cancer, heart problems, pulmonary issues, ANY health issue that has compromised your immune system
- If you feel ill
- If you have any concern that you might receive or give infection to others

➤ **Mask --**

- Each individual must wear a mask (cloth or medical) that covers nose and mouth when entering and exiting the church and during the distribution of communion. **Masks may be removed once individuals are seated in their pews.**
- Masks are **NOT** available at the church. If you do not have your own mask, you will not be allowed entry.

➤ **Check-in --**

- Each individual must have previously registered and received confirmation to participate in that day's Liturgy
- Each individual's name is checked at the entry to the church building before being allowed to enter the building
- Each individual/family group honors physical distancing guidelines while in line to check-in
- Each person/family group arrives in sufficient time to check-in and to complete the seating process
- Check-in begins 30 minutes before the scheduled start time
- Liturgy will not begin until all expected participants in line have checked in and are seated

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➤ **Church Entry --**

- Everyone enters the church from the West Door (parking lot) -- there is only one check-in station
- Once checked in, each individual and family group promptly follows the seating guidance provided by the ushers
- Once all are seated, no further entry by individuals not on the confirmation list will be allowed
- You do not
 - Use Holy Water
 - Light Candles at the Vigil Station
 - Stop at the Tabernacle

➤ **Seating --**

- Ushers will guide you to an available pew. Please no wandering or visiting
- Once you're seated, please remain in that pew for the duration of Mass

➤ **Restrooms are not available**

➤ **Physical Distancing --**

- While on church campus, each individual avoids physical contact (including handshakes, hugs, and high-fives) with anyone (exceptions to this guideline apply within family groups)
- Entry, Seating, and Departure activities are designed to maintain a minimum of 6 feet of separation between individuals (or between individuals and members of family groups)
- You must follow the instructions of ushers, Fr. Greg, and parish staff members

➤ **Communion --**

- Fr. Greg will be the sole distributor of communion and moving to each pew and person to distribute communion. Because the seating plan is designed for optimal social distancing, it is not necessary for you to move at all from your place to receive communion
- Following the prayer "*Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter....*" Father Greg will leave the sanctuary to begin Communion distribution
- Please put on your mask and stand in place in place while Fr. Greg begins the distribution process
- When Fr. Greg is standing in front of you, extend your hands and prepare to receive Communion
- Only after Fr. Greg moves to the next pew: pull your mask down, consume the Blessed Sacrament, and replace your mask over your nose and mouth
- Then you may sit or kneel in place for prayer and reflection
- Note that Fr. Greg will not touch your hand when distributing Communion -- if he does contact your hand, he will sanitize his hands before proceeding with Communion

➤ **Departure --**

- Each person must remain in your designated pew section until the Final Blessing and Dismissal
- After the Dismissal Song is completed, all sit and put on your mask
- Ushers will direct each individual or family group when it is your turn to exit
- Each individual or family group follows the instructions of the usher to exit into the aisle, proceeds into the Narthex (back of Church), and exits through the Center (Southeast) Door at 75th and Main
- Each individual or family group moves directly to your vehicle and leaves campus without stopping to converse with other participants (that's what Zoom is for!)
- Each individual leaves your mask in place until you have left the St. Elizabeth Campus