

**We have permission from the diocese to return to the Sacrament of Confession. After reading all of the diocesan suggested protocols to ensure the safety of parishioners and priests the following protocols for Confession are implemented as of 1 June 2020:**

- Confessions will be offered on the following schedule until further notice:
  - Tuesday afternoons from 1PM to 2PM
  - Wednesday evening from 6PM to 7PM
  - Thursday and Friday Mornings from 10AM to 11:30AM
  - Saturday afternoon from 3PM to 4:30PM
  - Appointments outside of these times may be scheduled privately with Fr. Dennis by texting him at 843.834.5447
  - You must sign up for a 10 minute “slot” using [SignUp Genius](#). Please sign up using your initials or a nick name to maintain confidentiality. If you have an account which automatically uses your first and last name, you can check the box directly under your name that says "display an alternate name on the sign up". You can then type your initials or a nick name instead.
- Confessions will be heard in the Nave of the Church about 1/3 of the way down the center aisle. A screen with a purple cloth draped over it will be in the aisle. You may go to Confession anonymously standing at the screen or walk past the screen to go face to face with Fr. Dennis—maintaining a six-foot distance.
- As Fr. Dennis is hearing impaired, the faithful are instructed NOT to remain in the church to complete their penance. Fr. Dennis will need to ask penitents to speak up so that he can hear them. To maintain the Seal of the Confessional no other persons will be permitted in the church during Confessions. The church will not be available for prayer or adoration during the time that Fr. Dennis is hearing confessions.
- **Confessions will be heard while standing. This will eliminate the need to sanitize surfaces repeatedly. If you need to be seated bring a folding chair with you from your home.**
- Masks are strongly recommended.

When you arrive at the church please observe the following while waiting for your appointed time:

- Please form lines in narthex, maintaining a six-foot separation. Tape on the narthex floor will help you maintain a safe distance from others.
- The side door to the Narthex will be ajar for people to enter and leave the nave, one at a time.
- Recorded music will be played in the narthex to ensure the Seal of the Sacrament of Confession.
- No seating in the narthex. If want or need a chair bring a folding chair with you from your home.
- The left side glass door of the church will be unlocked to enter and leave the church.