

REVISED Requirements for the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist As of August 10, 2020

- All sanitization of spaces, vessels and peoples' hands must occur before and after the Eucharist.
- Immediately prior to the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer and immediately prior to the distribution of communion the celebrant is required to sanitize their hands.
- Communion must be in one kind only. Bread should be in the form of wafers only. The celebrant must be the only communion administrant.
- The celebrant should consecrate a priest's host for the celebrant to consume and consecrate individual wafers for all others receiving communion. The wafers (regular and gluten-free) for the people are to be covered and placed to the side of the altar during the consecration. A small portion of wine is also to be consecrated (which will be consumed only by the celebrant).
- After the breaking of the bread, the celebrant should consume the priest's host and the consecrated wine.
- The celebrant then must put on a mask, sanitize their hands again and distribute the bread to those receiving the bread, making sure not to touch the hands of those receiving the bread. Should the celebrant touch the hands of someone receiving the bread, the celebrant must sanitize their hands again before administering the bread to another person.
- Those receiving communion, should come forth, one at a time, being careful to maintain physical distancing between themselves and all others as they come forward. *I am instructing priests-in-charge that all who come to receive communion be masked. This is to protect the safety of both the communicant and the celebrant.*
- After receiving a wafer, those receiving communion should return to their seats using the path indicated by directional signage or by greeters. Once back in their seats, they should remove their mask, consume the wafer, and after consuming their wafer, put their mask back on.
- After all have received bread, the celebrant must discard their mask in an appropriate receptacle and sanitize their hands again.
- Any who come forth for a blessing must also be masked (unless the person is an infant who cannot be masked). Any blessing that the celebrant gives must not involve touching.

