

RETURNING TO MASS AT ST. EDWARD & ST. JUDE

GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Cardinal O'Malley has dispensed everyone of our Sunday obligation indefinitely. With this in mind, all people who are 65 and older or who have existing health concerns are asked to stay home and not attend Mass in person until further notice.**
- Please continue to view Mass on television and the internet. People who are not able to wear a mask for health reasons should stay home and partake in the celebration of Mass through our [FaceBook page](#), our [website](#) or on CatholicTV.
- For now, seating at the Masses will be limited due to the need for physical distancing. Advanced sign-up will be required by means of our [SignUpGenius](#) or by calling (508) 359-2633 or 508-528-0170. Those who show up to church without a reservation will be asked to wait in a special "stand-by" line.
- Families and those who live together may occupy one bench or row. All groups/ individuals will be distanced from each other by 6 feet.
- Please follow the directions of the ushers for seating and exiting the Church and refer to signs for other important instructions.
- There is no Holy Water in the font at this time.
- There will be no hospitality after Mass until further notice.

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE FOR MASS

- **Please print out your confirmation email or be ready to present your confirmation email on your mobile device when you arrive for Mass.**
- Please wash your hands before leaving your home.
- All parishioners over the age of 5 are asked to wear a mask during Mass.
- Parishioners are invited and encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer to Mass.

MASS ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

- Please arrive **15 minutes** before the scheduled time for Mass.
- Line up directly in front of the Church entrance practicing social distancing where indicated and with your mask on.
- Each household will be directed by an usher to enter the building through the main entrance.
- The Church will be filled from front to back upon entrance. You will be seated every other pew/row and spaced at social distancing in the pew itself. Please follow the usher's instructions.

- Only priests and deacons are allowed in the sacristy.
- Missalettes / hymnals have been removed and there will be no congregational singing, nor will choirs be allowed until further notice.
- Mass will not begin with a procession nor will there be an offertory procession.
- Collection baskets will be located by entrance doors for your convenience to drop off your donations. We encourage on-line giving (on our [website](#)) and mail-ins. *We appreciate your faithfulness and generosity at this difficult time.*
- There will be no sign of peace or the holding of hands during the Our Father.

DURING MASS - HOLY COMMUNION PROCEDURES

- Use of personal hand sanitizer is encouraged before receiving Communion.
- Ushers will direct you to come forward for the reception of Communion by section / row. Please observe the 6 feet distance markers on the floor.
- Everyone should leave their seat/pew, even if you do not plan to receive Communion, in order to avoid people having to step over one another.
- Please fully extend your arm with hands cupped as the Eucharistic Minister drops the host into your hand. Please step to the side, to where the floor is marked, remove your mask, consume the Eucharist, and then re-mask before you proceed back to your seat.

MASS DEPARTURE PROCEDURES

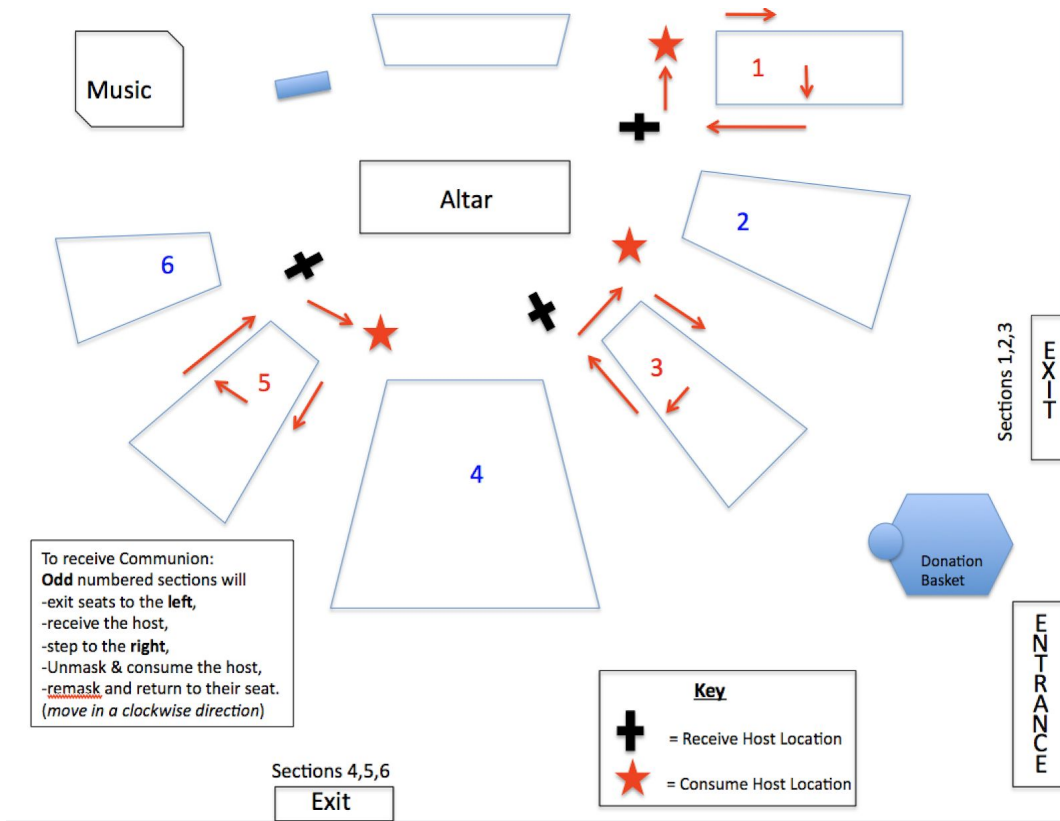
- At St. Jude, after receiving Communion, you may proceed to an exit door.
- At St. Edward, please return to your seat after receiving Communion. After the final blessing, ushers will dismiss rows in an orderly fashion starting at the rear of the church and then moving forward.
- Private prayer is not available after Mass.
- Please go directly to your car – gathering is not permitted.
- For a copy of our weekly bulletin, please go to our [website](#).

CHURCH CLEANING PROCEDURES

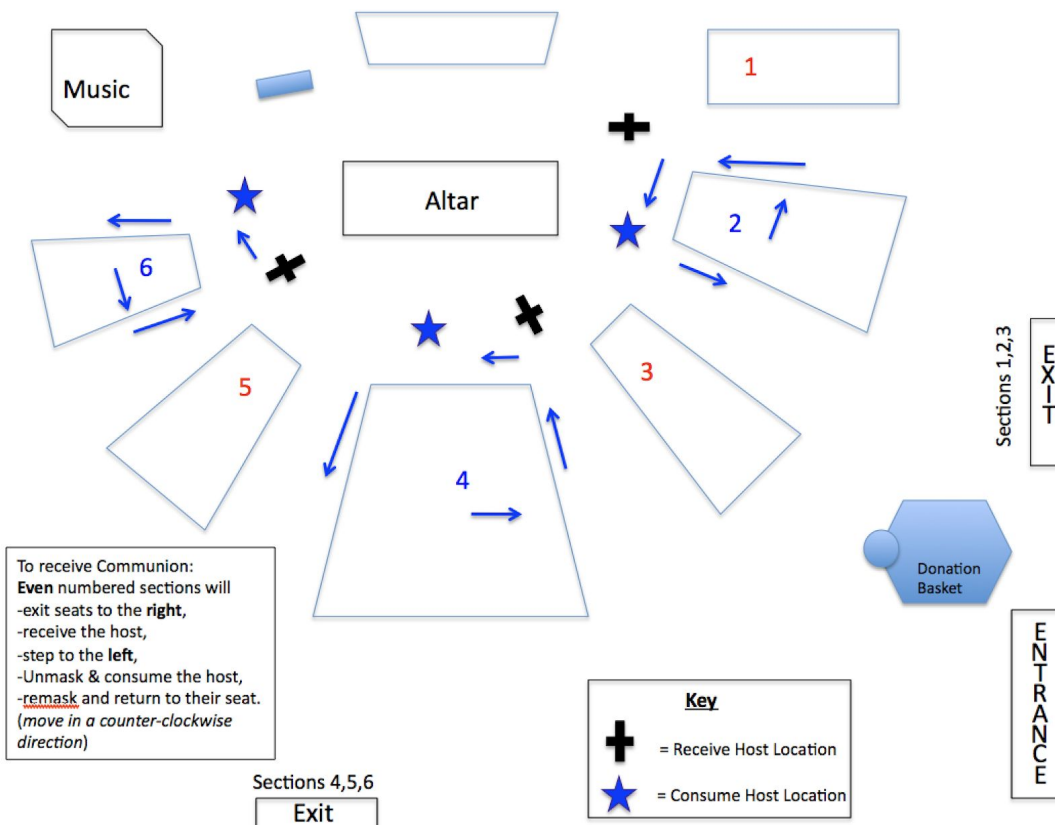
- We will continue to implement cleanliness practices between every Mass.
- Disinfecting bathrooms, door handles, and other frequently touched surfaces will occur throughout the day.

HOW TO RECEIVE COMMUNION - ST. EDWARD

Those seated in Odd Numbered Sections will receive Communion first



Those seated in Even Numbered Sections will receive Communion next



HOW TO RECEIVE COMMUNION - ST. JUDE

To receive Communion:

- Those seated in Sections 1 & 2 will receive Communion first.
- Next, those seated in Sections 3 & 4 will be asked to come forward to receive.

