

July 30, 2021

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. (Romans 12:9-13)

Dear Parishioner,

Love one another and outdo one another in showing honor is a high calling from Paul to build up the community of which we are a part. Often that means putting the needs of the whole above the desires of the individual. May we always choose compassion over comfort and hospitality over hostility.

If you are like me, you are exhausted with the rollercoaster of COVID and the spiking cases just when we thought we were crossing a finish line. Persevere in prayer. We will get through this together. It is with this in mind that we are updating our COVID protocols at the Cathedral.

Some of our parishioners developed COVID 19 despite being fully vaccinated. These individuals were in services unaware of their condition because they did not feel sick at the time and developed symptoms later. If you are not feeling well, please stay home and call us so we can pray for your healing and bring you communion if it is safe to do so.

We are experiencing a dramatic increase in cases in our area and the hospitals are filling up again. The vast majority of cases, especially those getting sick enough to require hospitalization, is among those who are not vaccinated, so we strongly encourage those who can to get vaccinated. We have many among us, including our children, who are not able to be vaccinated, and we want to protect them as well.

We strongly encourage all, regardless of vaccination status, to wear a mask when in the Cathedral buildings and to maintain social distancing. We are not requiring reservations for services or marking specific seating. Please be aware that we do have the 8:30am service outside as an alternative to being in the Nave. It is warm so dress accordingly.

We will continue to serve the sacrament in two kinds but you do not have to receive in two kinds and you are always welcome to come worship and not receive the host at all but experience the blessing of being present.

All are welcome in our Cathedral and it is our responsibility to show hospitality to those who worship with us.

God bless,

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