

Region One Guidelines to be observed for the resumption of Public Mass

The guidelines of safety and hygiene already in place will continue, including:

- Water has been removed from baptismal and holy water fonts.
- The gifts of bread and wine will be kept from public areas, it will be brought directly from the credence table to the altar.
- No physical contact at the Our Father or Sign of Peace.
- Discreet use of hand sanitizer by ministers of Holy Communion and communicants.
- No Holy Communion from the chalice by the faithful; concelebrating priests should Communicate by intinction.
- Holy Communion on the tongue is strongly discouraged.
- Vessels should be cleansed after each Mass with hot, soapy water

Additional guidelines for safety and hygiene include:

- Hymnals, missalettes, and other materials are removed from the pews. At best we will be using a disposable worship aid or the use of familiar hymns, songs, antiphons, and acclamations.
- Seating will be at places marked Blue alone and communion will be received as observing the spaces on the floor demarcated by the tapes.
- The faithful are encouraged to wear a face mask thinking about others; ministers of Holy Communion may wear a face mask; priest celebrant is discouraged from wearing a mask.
- With respect for the liturgical norms, the number and placement of ministers may be reduced: A deacon may fulfill the roles of lector and server. No Alter servers may be needed if there is a deacon.
- Ministers will be seated further apart than normal.
- Will evaluate the necessity of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and the number needed for each Mass.
- As permitted by the missal, presidential prayers may take place at the altar, or a podium may be setup at the chair, where possible.
- We are reducing the role of choirs and ensembles considering social distancing and public health regulations where applicable may these choirs take some turns to become cantors as has been in the Live-streaming times.
- No collection baskets may be passed from hand to hand. We will use the long collection baskets where applicable and baskets will be placed at the points where faithful can walk and put collections without passing it out. Envelopes will be provided at the door for when and where there is second collection.
- The bread to be consecrated for the Communion of the faithful should be placed on a corporal at the edge of the altar, not directly in front of the priest celebrant. Alternatively, the use of covered ciboria would likewise be appropriate.
- Other than as Viaticum to the critically ill, Holy Communion will, be given in the context of Mass. according to the approved rites. The distribution of Holy Communion immediately after Mass will not be tolerated. The spiritual Communion prayer will still be said for the sake who are unable to attend.