

# Holy Spirit Catholic Church

## MASS RESUMPTION GUIDELINES

As of this week Bishop Felipe Estevez, Bishop of St. Augustine, has granted us permission to begin the reopening of public Masses! However, the dispensation from the obligation to attend is still in effect. There is no obligation to attend Mass in the Diocese of St. Augustine until further notice. Our Live Stream will remain available for the 11am Sunday Mass and the weekday Masses.

**Our first public Masses at Holy Spirit will begin on Saturday, May 16th at 5:00pm and Sunday 8:15am and 11am.**

**Daily Masses will resume the regular schedule i.e. at 8:30am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and at 7pm on Wednesday.**

These procedures will be re-evaluated weekly depending on the COVID19 situation in the state of Florida and country. If you would like to attend Mass, please read through this message. Thank you for your patience and compliance.

### **CAPACITY & SEAT RESERVATION**

- ❖ For now, Masses will be limited to 25% capacity.
- ❖ In order to accommodate this limited seating, parishioners must reserve their seats ONLINE ONLY before each weekend.
- ❖ Registrations for each weekend will open the prior Monday at 10am, and ends on Thursday 4pm or when we meet our maximum capacity.
- ❖ Seat reservations for May 16/17 Masses are now open at the bottom of this post.

### **BEFORE YOU ARRIVE**

- ❖ Wash your hands.
- ❖ For ages 2 and up, face coverings are required on our campus and for the duration of Mass.
- ❖ Bring your own hand sanitizer or wipes that can be used before receiving Holy Communion.
- ❖ Please DO NOT bring items that contain bleach into the church as this will damage the pews.

## ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

- ❖ Masks (for ages 2+) should be worn as soon as you exit your vehicle. In case that you will not have a mask, the parish will provide you what you need by donation.
- ❖ Arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass begins to stand in line 6 ft. from each other.
- ❖ The main doors of the church will open 15 minutes prior to the start of Mass.
- ❖ The church will be seated to fill the open pews from front to back. An usher will direct you to your seat.
- ❖ You may be sharing a pew with another household, but social distance is required between the households (6 ft).
- ❖ The holy water fonts remain empty.

## MASS PROCEDURES

- ❖ Masses will be celebrated as you have seen on the Live Stream with reduced volunteer lay ministers. There will be no altar servers.
- ❖ Communion will be distributed by clergy and assigned Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion.
- ❖ Please wear your face mask on for the entire duration of Mass.
- ❖ There is to be no physical contact between different households at the Sign of Peace or hand-holding during the Lord's Prayer.
- ❖ Baskets will not be passed during the offertory. You will be able to place your weekly gift in a basket at the exit doors of the Church but we strongly encourage online giving through our website link
- ❖ <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/holy1166175>

## COMMUNION PROCEDURES

- ❖ Bishop Estevez has asked that communion be received in the hand only for the time being.
- ❖ The precious blood will not be offered to the congregation.

- ❖ Use of personal hand sanitizer before communion is strongly encouraged.
- ❖ There will only be two communion lines in the church maintaining a 6ft. distance between households.
- ❖ Ushers will guide the communion line
- ❖ **Masks should be worn in the communion line. After the priest offers you communion, please step to the side, remove your mask, consume the Eucharist, and then re-mask your face as you return to your pew.**
- ❖ For those who participate in Mass via live stream, Holy Communion will be distributed by the Ten Commandments in the Portico for 30 minutes following each weekend Mass. The mask requirement, explained above, will also apply to those coming for Communion.

### DEPARTURE PROCEDURES

- ❖ After the final blessing, parishioners must remain in their pew. Each person will depart the church after Mass in an orderly manner, from the back to the front. And the Ushers will guide your way out.
- ❖ You can drop your weekly offertory in the special baskets when you come in for Mass or when you depart.
- ❖ Clergy will not shake hands; they will wave as you exit.
- ❖ **Please do not congregate outside after Mass.**

### CHURCH CLEANING PROCEDURES

- ❖ Our church will be completely sanitized with a viral disinfectant on Friday May 15 prior to re-opening. Thanks to our parishioner, **Mark Tolleson**, owner of **Process Master**.
- ❖ We will continue to implement cleanliness and sanitation practices, including disinfecting pews between every Mass.
- ❖ Disinfecting will be done for bathrooms, door handles, and other frequently touched surfaces that occur throughout the day.
- ❖ Please follow the CDC recommendations regarding your own health. If you fall into an "at-risk" category, please stay home and join us by Live Stream.
- ❖ Any weddings, funerals, and baptisms that are scheduled will all be in accordance with the Diocese of St. Augustine and the protocol.

Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> 5pm

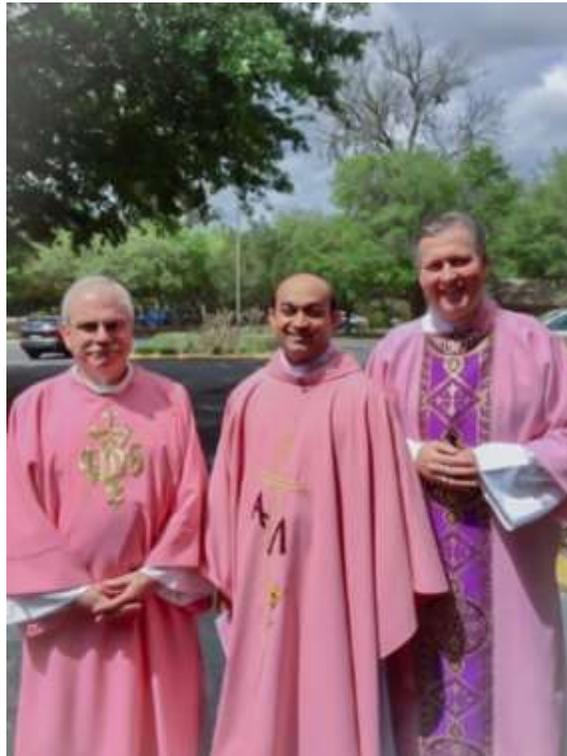
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Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> 8:15am

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Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> 11am

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