

Resumption of Public Masses

Bishop Guglielmone suggests that individuals who meet any of the following criteria, set by the CDC as being high risk, to please stay home for the time being:

- Anyone age 65 and above (people in this group may attend but are at a higher risk)
- Anyone whose immune system is weakened
- Anyone with the sniffles, cough, sore throat, fever, etc.
- Anyone who has had contact with anyone with Covid-19 in the last 14 days

Bishop Guglielmone is offering a dispensation from attending weekend Mass to the elderly, the medically compromised and those who simply feel uncomfortable returning to Mass in person.

For everyone's safety and comfort. Please follow these guidelines when attending Mass in person:

- 1. Please wear a mask.** The Charleston City Council has passed an ordinance requiring face coverings in public areas throughout the city effective 1 July. It is strongly recommended that you wear a face covering when attending Mass.
- 2. Please fill the pews from FRONT TO BACK.** You may not be able to sit in your usual pew. Do not move the pew ribbons.
- 3. Keep SIX FEET of empty space** between yourself and others who do not live in your household.
- 4. There will be no congregational singing.** The Ordinary of the Mass will be spoken or sung by the schola – please resist the temptation to sing along!
5. The offertory procession and Sign of Peace have been eliminated. A basket will be positioned for you to **drop in your offering as you leave Mass – thank you!**
- 6. Holy Communion** is distributed at the normal time, in one kind only, from two stations at the altar rail. At the time of Communion, please approach up the *center aisle* and return to your pew via the *side aisles*, maintaining six feet of distance between yourself and any member of another household. Those seated on the side aisles should go first. Please be patient, not entering the Communion procession until you may do so without crowding.
- 7. Restrooms** are located in the parish hall breezeway. Please use the restroom here only if absolutely necessary, and use the provided wipes to **disinfect all surfaces** before leaving (parents, please assist your children in this).

Thank you for observing these instructions so we may serve one another in love and mutual respect.