

Guidelines for Resumption of WEEKEND Masses at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

Please answer the following questions before you come to church:

- Have you traveled outside of the United States in the last 21 days?
- Have you had contact with anyone with confirmed COVID-19 in the last 14 days?
- Are you currently experiencing a temperature over 100.4, difficulty breathing, a cough, sore throat, chills, or muscle aches?
- Have you had any of the above symptoms in the last 14 days?

If you answered “yes” to any of the above questions, please refrain from entering the church for the time being.

Bishop Guglielmono is granting dispensation to those who are uncomfortable attending WEEKEND MASS and those who are high risk until further notice.

Bishop Guglielmono 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

- **65 years of age or older**
- **People of any age who have underlying medical conditions**

For your protection and ours, we will put the following procedures in place. Please be patient and understand that these requirements are for your safety, as well as that of the priests, deacons, and your fellow parishioners.

- Families attending Mass as a group must be spaced at least six feet apart from others.
- No more than 25% of the capacity of the church building may assemble at any one Mass. At Blessed Sacrament, this means that a maximum of 175 parishioners can be accommodated at any one Mass.
- Everyone over the age of two attending Mass must wear a face mask. No person will be admitted without a mask. We have a limited supply of masks which we will have available in the event you are unable to obtain one for yourself.
- Come to Mass 30 to 45 minutes early. As you line up to enter the church, maintain a distance of 6 feet from other families at all times.
- Everyone will be greeted by an usher at the main doors to the church and at the two handicap doors of the church and will get their temperatures taken with a non-touch thermometer. If any member of a family has a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher, the entire family will be sent home.
- Before you are seated by an usher, a volunteer will hand you a paper towel which has been sprayed with disinfectant for wiping down your place in the pew.
- An usher will escort and seat every family, filling every other pew from the front to the back of the church sanctuary. Everyone needs to stay in the seat he/she is assigned. No moving around will be allowed.
- The cry room will not be available for parents and children. There will be no Sunday nursery and no Children’s Liturgy of the Word.
- Because movement is problematic, please use a restroom only if absolutely necessary. If you get up, everyone in the pew will need to stand up and file out to accommodate you.
- Everyone must stay in the pews during communion. The priest or minister of Holy Communion will come to you for communion. You will take communion in the hand only.
- Offertory baskets will be placed in the vestibule for parishioners to drop in their envelopes.
- Parishioners will be dismissed at the end of Mass, escorted by ushers pew by pew starting at the back of the church. Everyone must leave quickly and return to their respective vehicles.

Both restrooms, all door handles, and other frequently touched common areas will be sanitized, following CDC guidelines, between Masses.

These guidelines are a work in progress. We will modify the guidelines as needed. Your patience and understanding during these times is appreciated. (5/15/2020) 4



WEEKDAY MASS Guidelines – Please wear a facemask and practice Social Distancing