

**Limited In-Person Masses Will Begin This Weekend  
at St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church in Castle Rock!**

We are excited to be able to begin celebrating Mass again as a Parish. We will begin this weekend (May 16-17, 2020) with a limited number of Parishioners in attendance.

- **SIGN UP for All Masses is REQUIRED**
- Please see below for the list of available Masses.
- If you choose not to come or are unable due to this new and limited in-person format, know that at this time you are still dispensed by Bishop Sheridan from the Sunday obligation.
- Daily Masses are also available, but do not fulfill the Sunday obligation.
- Parishioners who are sick, infirm or of advanced age are still dispensed as well.
- *The Mass on Sunday at 10am in the Main Church (in English) and the Noon Mass (in Spanish) will be live streamed.*

<b><u>Main Church:</u></b> Saturday: 5:30pm Sunday: 8am, 10am, Noon (Spanish) and 5:30pm Monday through Fridays: 9am Friday Evening: 6pm	<b><u>Assisi Hall:</u></b> Saturday 5:30pm Sunday: 8am and 10am.
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With this new schedule format, it is our intention to have as many parishioners who wish to attend Mass attend within the limits and conditions set. In order to allow the greatest access to all parishioners, parishioners are only allowed to sign up for one Mass every three weeks. Following this guideline, as an Act of Charity toward our fellow parishioners, will provide a more equitable opportunity for all parishioners who wish to attend – especially those who have not been able to receive the Eucharist, to do so in person. If you or someone in your family is sick, or if you are currently under a Public Health Order for isolation or quarantine - please do not come to Mass; you are dispensed from attending. If you are high risk or live with someone who is high risk for serious illness or COVID-19, please do not come to Mass; you are dispensed from attending.

**WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE BE PATIENT AS WE BEGIN THIS PROCESS. WE WILL MAKE IMPROVEMENTS AS NEEDED TO MAKE THINGS GO MORE SMOOTHLY.**

**Sign Up Information:** Please note the main church area will be split into 3 areas - (Sanctuary, Narthex, Choir Practice Room). Assisi Hall will only hold one area. Each area can accommodate up to 10 people. **Every member of your family who is attending needs a reservation.** Please choose the quantity and list names in the comments of the people (including you) in your family that wish to attend the Mass. Once all the available seats are reserved, no one else can sign up or come to the church during that particular Mass time. Families who currently live in the same household do not need to social distance. PLEASE SIT WHERE THE HOSPITALITY MINISTER OR ACOLYTE SEATS YOU AND DO NOT MOVE.

**You must sign up via Sign Up Genius. Only those signed up will be admitted into the church or Assisi Hall.**

Please be 15 minutes early for Mass to allow time to be seated. Check in with the vested Acolyte or Hospitality Minister prior to entrance at the door. In the Narthex area, please ensure you maintain social distancing. Don't be late. If you arrive too close to the start of Mass, you may not be seated. No one will be allowed in the Church after Mass has begun. You will not be allowed to leave Mass early; for example, you cannot leave right after Communion. So, plan on staying the full time. Please remain seated at the end of Mass, as you will be

dismissed by a Hospitality Minister or Acolyte through various doors to allow for social distancing as you exit. Please continue to wear your face covering until you are out of public space.

Guidelines:

- Parishioners must wear face coverings/masks. Please note that children under the age of 2 will not need to wear a mask or face covering.
- Please maintain social distancing of 6 feet between yourself/your family and other groups on the Parish grounds.
- Parishioners will be asked to wash their hands at home before Mass and use hand sanitizer upon entering the church.
- There will be no hymnals available. Only the 10am Sunday Mass and the Noon Mass in Spanish will have a Cantor and a pianist.
- No Holy Water will be in the stoops.
- No Offertory Procession – baskets for your tithe will be at the entrances to the Church and in the front of the Church. Please put your offering in one of these baskets upon arrival. **Thank you for your continued and generous support of your parish church. The demand for services is great and your contribution is necessary.**
- Holy Communion is to be received on the hand. Observe the 6-foot rule when coming up to receive Holy Communion.
- Communicants are asked to wear their face covering while receiving the host from the minister, step to the side, pull down their face covering with one hand, place the consecrated host on their tongue with the other hand, and replace the face covering.
- There will be no Precious Blood offered until further notice.
- There will be no Sign of Peace and no holding hands during the Our Father Prayer.
- Please keep movement to a minimum during Mass. Children **must stay with their parents at all times.**
- Please do not congregate in the vestibule before or after Mass so that we may adhere to the current public health order on gathering size and allow time for proper sanitation between Masses.
- The Church will be cleaned and disinfected between each Mass.

*Thank you so very much for observing these guidelines. They will insure that we can continue to offer Mass and the most Holy Eucharist to you our parishioners. These rules will become more familiar as we continue to practice them for this interim period.*

Sign Up Genius is the only way to sign up for one of the above Masses in English. To sign up for the Spanish Mass at 12 noon on Sundays, contact Vicky Flores at 303-501-2389. If you have difficulty, please contact the Parish Office at 303-688-3025 for assistance. All this information and the link is available on our parish website, Facebook, and My Parish App. Please check back as we will be refining procedures as we go along.

Of course, you can email me and let me know if you have any questions. On behalf of Father Mark, Deacon Chance, Deacon Tom, Deacon Ed, Deacon Jacob, my Acolytes and Staff – please know that you are in our daily prayers and thoughts!

Peace,

Rev. Bradford J. Noonan, VF  
Pastor