

St. Francis of Assisi

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

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For the safety of all, please respect at all times:

- Social Distancing (6ft minimum) must be respected at all times
- The participants must bring and wear masks and gloves at all times
- The participants must bring their own hand sanitizer
- Bring your own folding chairs if you wish to sit during the tent Masses
- Respect sanitizing protocol should be followed as directed during the mass (e.g. before and after receiving communion)
- If you do not feel well or experience the COVID symptoms, take no risk and please stay home. Do not attend the live Masses (Parking lot or tent).
 The 9:30 am Sunday <u>streaming Mass</u> is best for the safety of our community
- Always refer to <u>CDC: COVID-19 Symptoms & guidance</u> on the Center for Disease Control (CDC) on https://www.cdc.gov

Sunday Mass Schedule

Day	Location	Time	Streaming	Communion	Attendance	Foot Traffic
Sat	Parking Lot Only	5:00 PM	Yes	Yes	50 cars max	No
Sun	Tent Mass	8:00 AM	No	Yes	No	45 people max
Sun	Stream Mass	9:30 AM	Yes	No - Spiritual Communion only	No	No
Sun	Tent Mass	11:00 AM	No	Yes	No	45 people max
Sun	Tent Mass	5:00 PM	No	Yes	No	45 people max

Comments:

- See the <u>CDC guidelines</u>.
- The church premises will be closed at all time during the masses: no access will be granted, no exception
- We require that participants bring their own chairs for the tent mass
- The 9:30 am Sunday mass is intended for young families and at risk parishioners. This mass is live streamed on Saint Francis Mass Stream only. The parking lot and the tent will not be open nor accessible to anyone during mass, no exception

Receiving Communion

Due to the unprecedented needs for the safety of all, we recommend arriving early to mass so that all safety measures can be strictly followed according to the guidance provided by the state and the bishop

- Parking Lot Mass ("drive-thru")

- Upon entry in the Parish parking lot, an attendant will verify that you signed-up for the appropriate mass time and will count the number of people in the car. This attendant will then assign a parking spot for your car.
- Stay in your car at all times. Windows can be open, provided that your car is at least 6 feet clear of other cars in all directions.
- When your car is called, please walk to communion.
- o Continue respecting the social distancing at all times (6 feet).

- Tent Mass:

- Upon entry in the Parish premises, an attendant will verify that you are duly signed-up for the appropriate mass time.
- Upon entry in the tent, households must arrive, sit and remain together at all times throughout the Mass. However, social distancing must be respected between each household and the other Mass participants.
- o Continue respecting social distancing at all times.

- Communion:

- When called, process calmly towards the communion.
- Sanitize your hand at the station situated right before receiving communion.
- Receive Communion respectfully with both hands as normally (no Communion on the tongue).
- Sanitize your hands again at the station situated right after receiving communion.
- o Go back to your seat / car in an orderly fashion
- As always, please continue respecting social distancing (6 feet).

- End of Mass:

- Tent Mass: process in an orderly fashion, remaining mindful of social distancing) back to your cars.
- o Parking Lot Mass: an attendant will communicate with you when you can leave.

These measures are put in place for the safety of all. In these difficult times, please understand that no exceptions can be made.



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FAQ's

Why do I have to sign up for Masses?

We have received very strict guidelines for holding live Masses. Essentially those are most concentrated on social distancing (at least 6 feet) and number of participants. To be able to abide to these guidelines we need to have an exact count of participants at each event so that we do not risk maxing –out the authorized limit.

In addition, for the respect of other participants in our community, we ask that you do not book several masses for the same weekend and that you update (cancel, modify) your sign up as the case maybe.

- Will I be able to receive Communion at all Masses?

Yes however, there is one exception: the 9:30 am Mass being streaming only, we will not be able to offer Communion (spiritual Communion only). We ask that you come to Communion in an <u>orderly manner</u>, follow the <u>instructions</u>, wear mask and gloves, sanitize your hands before and after receiving Communion and respect social distancing (6 feet) at all time.

- I am not feeling well, can I still come to a live Mass?

While the Parish community will certainly offer prayers for protection and prompt recovery, for the safety of all the community, please only attend to the streaming mass only (9:30 am Sunday).

As always, on the behalf of the Parish community: kindly let the parish office know (office@stfrancisweston.org, phone: 203-227-1341) if any assistance is needed and intentions be brought to Mass.

- I am on the waiting list for one Mass time, how will I be updated on the status of my request?

We will call you as soon as a time slot becomes available to sign you up. Please be sure to fill the required field with a valid phone number.

If you have signed-up also for an other Mass time as a back up, please make sure to update it accordingly or ask the Parish Office to do it for you.

- How do you provide for handicapped attendance to live Mass?

As always, there are 5 parking slots dedicated specially for handicapped. Kindly ask the parking attendant to direct your car to the relevant designated area upon arrival to the Church premises.

- I am not a registered parishioner of St Francis, can I come?

Yes! We are happy to welcome you at any of the Masses. Please do make sure to sign up and respect the herein guidelines at all times, just like any of us.

- What if weather is uncertain, it may rain, be windy, or just unsettled? As a ground rule, the objective is to make Mass happen rain or shine. However, for the safety of all, the St Francis Office (office@stfrancisweston.org) will send an email alert to cancel Mass should the weather or any other events become a threat to any of our community. Please stay tuned.

Have more questions or concerns?

Please send an email to <u>office@stfrancisweston.org</u> or call during office hours on 203-227-1341.