
Welcoming all to encounter Jesus, grow as disciples, reach out in faith and service.

Reopening Mass at Saint Anne's

Instructions for Attending Mass

We are very excited to be able to celebrate Mass together again! In order to keep our Masses as safe, joyful, and prayerful as possible, please follow these guidelines. They are based on the instructions of Bishop Mark on reopening Masses in the Diocese of Saskatoon.

When you arrive

1. You will see hand sanitizer by both entrances. Please sanitize your hands or wash your hands in a bathroom. All doors will be blocked open to minimize touching of shared surfaces.
2. The collection basket will be waiting in front of the altar. If you wish to make a contribution, please place your donation in the basket before Mass begins.
3. If you need to receive a low gluten host or from the chalice, talk to Fr. Matthew.
4. You will see certain pews blocked off and others available for seating. Please do not sit in the blocked off pews.
5. Throughout this time, as you are entering the church and choosing where to sit, everyone must respect social distancing rules. Always remain six feet apart from anyone not in your household.
6. Everyone is encouraged to wear masks while entering and exiting the church. You may remove your mask when you get to your pew and throughout Mass.
7. We will all be happy to see each other and eager to have time to pray in the church. Please greet people warmly (at a safe distance) and take time to pray. Pews will be sanitized before and after each Mass.

During Mass

1. The government's reopening plan asks us to restrict singing. Until regulations change, we are asking you to sing in your hearts. This means to pray the words of the songs in your hearts but not to sing loudly at this time.
2. We will not be using our usual ministry roles, so Fr. Matthew will do all the readings.
3. During the sign of peace, please maintain distancing from anyone not in your household. A kind bow or wave is a great way to offer the sign of peace at a distance.
4. Communion will be distributed after Mass has ended. This will feel strange at first, but please remember that the most important thing is that we safely and prayerfully receive Jesus together. The reception of communion will go like this:
 - a. Fr. Matthew will sanitize his hands and wear a mask.
 - b. Using markings on the floor, maintain distancing while coming forward.
 - c. When you are in line with the front pews, Fr. Matthew will say "The body of Christ." Still at a distance, you will respond "Amen," and then step forward to receive communion.
 - d. Fr. Matthew may resanitize his hands between communicants.
 - e. Anyone wishing to receive communion on the tongue must only do so after everyone else has received.
 - f. After you receive, please return to your pew for a time of prayer.
5. As you leave, please leave you kneeler down as a sign for our cleaning crew.