

Resurrection Parish

Returning to Mass Frequently Asked Questions

Below are some answers to concerns you may have as you prepare to come back to Mass:

Why Outdoor Mass?

Fresh air reduces the potential to transmit coronavirus, and what better “cathedral” than God’s creation?

May I still watch mass online?

Yes, Sunday recorded Mass is available online at resurrectionde.org.

Where is Outdoor Mass Celebrated?

Mass is in the small parking lot. Please park in the large parking lot and walk over to small for outdoor Mass. Enter at the driveway.

What if it rains?

Outdoor mass is not held in inclement weather.

When can I arrive for Outdoor Mass?

The Check in will begin at 9 a.m. Please plan to give yourself time to check in and be seated.

Do I need to print out my reservation?

No, the greeters at the check-in table will have the list of reservations with parishioners’ names and number in their family grouping.

Will I be turned away at the door if I do not have a reservation?

You may not be able to be seated if the masses are at capacity.

Do I have to wear a mask?

Yes. All present need to wear masks correctly from the time they leave their vehicle until the time they return to the parking lot with the exception for the reception of Holy Communion.

Can I choose my place to sit?

No. The ushers are tasked with seating you quickly and safely to maintain social distancing and to allow mass to begin on time.

Can I bring my own hand sanitizer?

Yes, and we strongly encourage you do so. We have a large amount here, but supplying your own will help our supply last even longer into this process.

Will bulletins be available?

No. Bulletins are available on the parish website.

Should I come to Mass?

The obligation to attend Mass is currently dispensed for everyone, so no one must come. However we go to Mass not simply because of an obligation but because we love our Lord and He is owed our worship. Yet those who are sick, have symptoms, have been in contact with one who is sick, one who is vulnerable, or if one is caring for a sick person at home, we ask you not come to Mass. If you are in need to pastoral care, please call the parish office so we can connect with you.

Should I bring my offertory envelopes?

Yes, please bring any financial offering to assist the parish. A collection box is provided near the check in area for this purpose. There will not be a collection at the normal time. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

How do I stay socially distant?

Ushers will help people find appropriate seating based upon the size of the household. There will be markings of six foot increments so people can more easily judge distances whether one is standing or processing. Everyone should use their common sense along with the markers as a frame of reference. Six feet is the size of one cow 😊

The one exception will be for the actual reception of Holy Communion when one must come close to the minister.

Can my family sit together?

Yes members of the same household may sit together. Simply be mindful of distancing with other households and individuals. Depending on the size of the household, you may be asked to sit in a particular place.

Who created the health and safety protocols?

Protocols are based on recommendations from the CDC, Governor Carney, Bishop Malooly, and several parishioners who are physicians.

When do I receive Holy Communion?

Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass, instead of in the usual time, to allow for a safer flow of people and to maintain social distancing. The Communion line will be at the driveway exit of the parking lot.

How should I receive Holy Communion?

Communion will only be available in one species.
Bread in the form of hosts will be consecrated and distributed.

Instructions for those receiving Holy Communion

- 1.** All Catholics present who are in a state of grace are invited to receive Communion at this time.
- 2.** Those who have health concerns and do not wish to receive sacramental Communion may make an Act of Spiritual Communion.
- 3.** Those who will not receive communion should not come forward with hands crossed for a blessing; there is a blessing for everyone at the end of Mass.
- 4.** When you approach for Communion, please remain six feet from others in the line and from the minister. When it is your time to receive, keep your mask on and remain six feet away from the minister while he/she shows the Host and says, The Body of Christ. After you respond, Amen, approach the minister.
- 5.** The minister will drop/place the Host in your hand. Receive the Host in your hand, then step six feet to the side, away from the minister. Then loosen your facial covering, consume the Host, and replace the facial covering.

What if the minister touches me or somebody else during Holy Communion?

Before the distribution of Holy Communion the minister will sanitize his/her hands. If he/she touches someone accidentally, he/she will sanitize his/her hands right there before distributing to the next person.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.