

Directives for *Phase I* Re-opening of Masses  
All Saints Parish, Manassas  
May 28 2020

The following directives are for the Phase I re-opening of Masses at All Saints Parish.

If you have symptoms of a fever, etc., or have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or are in current quarantine, please do not come to the church.

**I. Adjusted Sunday Mass Schedule**

The Mass schedule will be as follows:

Sat.	5:30 pm	English
Sun.	7:00 am	English
	9:30 am	English
	12:00 pm	Spanish
	2:30 pm	Spanish

**II. Reservations**

We will provide future information on an internet reservation system. You will not be admitted into the church without your name being listed on our reservation list.

**III. Entering the Church: Admission & Seating**

You are expected to wear a cloth face covering or disposable face mask. Observe good hand hygiene. Out of concern for one's fellow parishioners, we ask that you comply with this diocesan guideline.

While waiting, please observe proper social distancing with masks on. This includes children, age 10 and over. Ushers will be inside the doors on either end of the narthex (vestibule) to admit you, and you will be escorted into the church. Please pay attention and follow the directions of the ushers. Unfortunately, there can be no stopping and talking, gathering, nor standing in the narthex of the church.

Entrance to the church will be approximately ½ hour before Mass begins. Those people who have made a reservation will need to provide confirmation of their reservation. An entire family should be admitted at the same time.

People will only be able to sit in every other pew. The usher will attempt to seat you in your preferred place, but you may not be able to sit in a usual seat, if the usher determines that a different place is needed in order to maintain physical distancing of 6 feet. We will try to place people so that you are not directly behind or in front of someone in the pew ahead of you and behind you. Household units may sit together; otherwise, you must maintain physical distancing of 6 feet between you and the next person in your pew.

Standing will not be permitted in the church or narthex (vestibule) in order to minimize surface contact. Please cooperate with the directives of the ushers.

#### **IV. Communion Procession changes**

Clergy (a priest or deacon) will be the ministers for Holy Communion. We will be following diocesan directives on reception of Holy Communion. You may receive in either the hand or on the tongue. However, diocesan directives ask that you prayerfully consider temporarily receiving Holy Communion in the hand. If you do receive on the tongue and there is contact with the minister's hand, then the minister will need to pause and perform a hand sanitization, before continuing to distribute Communion to the next person. It is not permitted to receive Communion in the hand while wearing gloves. If you are wearing gloves and will receive Communion in the hand, please remove your gloves for the reception of Communion.

There will only be one minister at the front of an aisle. Please follow the directions of the priests and ushers. One pew section per aisle, will receive Holy Communion before the other pew section (on the opposite side of the aisle) will be invited to come forward.

Please maintain physical distancing of 6 feet in the Communion procession, by following the marks on the carpet.

Stay 6 feet away from the minister. The minister will say, "The Body of Christ." and you respond, "Amen." You then proceed in front of the minister. If you receive in the hand, the minister will place the Sacred Host in your hand. Move one step to the side, lower your mask, and consume the host. Then move your mask back into position. Return to your pew, all the while maintaining 6 feet from anyone else who also may be returning via that aisle.

If you receive on the tongue, you will say the response, as above, while 6 feet away from the minister. Then come before the minister. Move (lower) your mask so that the minister may place the Sacred Host on your tongue. Then move your mask into position. You may then return to your pew, as described above.

#### **V. Exiting Procedures**

After the priest gives the final blessing, you will be dismissed. Due to our need to start cleaning in the church immediately after Mass, you will not have the opportunity to pray in the church after Mass, nor to socialize in the church or narthex after Mass.

While dismissing, we must follow physical distancing of 6 feet. We will dismiss by section. Please keep your mask on until you are in the parking lot and away from others. Again, please follow the directions of the ushers.

#### **VI. Cleaning**

We will have designated people to clean pews, surfaces, and restrooms after Mass and before the next Mass. Because this will take some time to do, we must close the church immediately after Mass before we re-open for the next Mass.

#### **VII. Miscellaneous**

1. All must be seated. There is to be no standing along walls or in the narthex.

2. If for some reason a child cannot remain in the church, then a parent must be with the child in the narthex. No one will be allowed to run around in indoor spaces.
3. Restroom usage will be limited. Please use the restroom at home before coming to church.
4. There will be collection baskets as you enter and exit the church into which you may place your weekly offertory gift. Thank you for your support of the parish in these difficult times.
5. All hymnals and missalettes have been removed from the pews. Limited one-time use paper worship aids will be available, as well as, a digital version which you may download to your smartphone or tablet.
6. For the time being, there will be limited singing.
7. Please do not wear a mask that is inappropriate or will distract from the prayerfulness of our gathering. Follow the same practices we try to follow concerning what is reverent and appropriate in attire.
8. We will have livestreaming camera and production equipment in place around the baptismal font. Please be careful of any cables which will be taped down for safety.
9. For those who are gluten-intolerant and need to receive the Precious Blood, you must arrive at the work sacristy 15 minutes before Mass and speak to the sacristan. There are additional requirements for how we minister the Precious Blood from separate chalices.
10. Note that the chapel is closed off, as we do not have cleaning provisions in place for it between Masses.
11. Parish activities, events, group meetings, remain canceled until further notice.

There are many changes, but they are in place for the common good. Our following these directives in a spirit of charity is an act by which we care for the health of others.

May God bless you.