Weekend Mass

Vigil Mass on Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Mass at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

"Those who have an active ongoing illness, anyone over the age of 65, those with a history of heart failure, lung disease, diabetes, ongoing malignancy, any immunosuppressive disorder, those on steroids or other immunosuppressive medications, those who have been advised by a healthcare professional not to attend Mass, those who live with anyone with any health vulnerability, and those who worry that attending Mass and potentially being exposed to the Coronavirus will jeopardize their health...should be strongly urged to remain at home at this time and refrain from attending Mass."

The Diocese of Nashville is recommending that "in light of the Sunday Mass dispensation, less vulnerable persons might consider the possibility of attending a weekday Mass instead of Sunday Mass."

Mass will continue to be live stream broadcast on the church's website and Facebook page.

- Father Mark Sappenfield, our pastor, is asking families to register which Mass you plan to attend so that you can see the numbers of available seats and to help us track and plan to provide liturgies according to the social distancing requirements in place. If your preferred Mass is getting full, please consider an alternative Mass time.

Please observe the following guidelines...

- If you are sick, vulnerable to becoming sick, or caring for the sick, please protect yourself and others by staying home and viewing the Mass via the Church website or Facebook.
- All need to bring and wear a facial covering (mask) prior to coming inside the Church and, except for when receiving Holy Communion, please keep your mouth and nose covered. The Hospitality Ministry has been instructed not to allow anyone inside without a facial covering. [2 years old and under exempt]
- The doors to the church will be open 30 minutes before Mass.
- Please place your offerings in the basket located in the narthex.
- Please do not linger in the narthex either before or after Mass.
- If capacity is reached, the Hospitality Ministry is not permitted to allow more people to enter.
- As you find a seat in the pews, **please observe social distancing of 6 feet**. There are signs to help. (All in one family/household may sit together).
- There will be no exchange of the sign of peace.
- Parishioners are strongly encouraged "to receive the Holy Eucharist in the hand."
- To receive Holy Communion, please **REMAIN in your pew**, and a minister will come to you.
- At the end of Mass, please **REMAIN in your pew** and you will be invited to depart by pew. Please directly exit the church.

Please note that this is an ever evolving situation and that we may need to change our processes or requirements as the circumstances dictate. Your prayers, patience and understanding are needed at this time. Thanks!

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