

Public Celebration of Mass during the Covid-19 Pandemic

A note from Archbishop Naumann regarding the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass:

The dispensation from Sunday Mass continues because the Church does not want to place a moral burden on those who should not attend Sunday Mass because of age or health conditions. However, Catholics are still obliged to keep the Commandments, including the Commandment to keep holy the Lord's Day. Families who choose not to attend Mass should conduct a Liturgy of the Word in the home. Individuals and families should spend additional time in prayer, pious devotions and spiritual reading on Sunday. Younger adults who are least at risk from the virus should take advantage of the opportunity to participate at Mass and to receive Holy Communion if they are properly disposed. If those in good health are attending other large social gatherings, they should also be participating at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Sundays.

Click [here](#) for Archbishop Naumann's complete statement regarding safety protocols for public Masses.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Every other pew is blocked to allow for social distancing. Six feet of separation should be allowed between households.

SINGING

Congregational singing will continue to be suspended until further notice to limit droplet dispersion.

THE SUNDAY COLLECTION AND TITHING

Collection baskets will not be passed during Offertory; instead, baskets will be available in the back of the church before and after Mass. Alternatively, please consider making your Offertory gift online.

HOLY COMMUNION

There will be three stations for Communion. Persons in line for Holy Communion should observe 6-foot separation; therefore, only a single-file line will form in each aisle. Those opting to receive Holy Communion should approach the minister one pew at a time, alternating side to side (like a “zipper merge”).

Masks and gloves must be removed to receive Holy Communion. During Mass, Holy Communion will only be distributed in the hand. Holy Communion on the tongue will be available after Mass to those who desire to receive in this way.



Thank you for your understanding and patience while we progress through the Kansas Reopen phases.