



Masses at Sacred Heart beginning June 1st:

On June 1st we will be going back to Mass, but there will be restrictions on Mass attendance. We have to be patient until unrestricted Mass attendance is restored. So as a summary of Bishop Persico's protocols, here is how it will affect Sacred Heart Parish:

- Dispensation from Sunday Mass is still in effect. If you are uneasy about attending Mass you may stay at home.
- Everyone is to wear a mask and practice social distancing. When coming to Communion the mask is to stay on until reception of Communion. If you have your own hand sanitizer you can bring it with you. Pews have been taped off so that only one third of the church's capacity will be used. Families that live in the same household should try to sit together in the two center sections of pews. Singles and couples should sit in the side aisle pews.
- There will be no sign of peace, distribution of the Precious Blood, or processions.
- No offertory baskets will be passed. Baskets for the collection will be placed near the entrances of the church.
- The Bishop asks that there be only a single file approaching each person distributing communion. Therefore, the deacon and priest will distribute communion in the side aisles allowing parishioners to go back to their pews via the center aisle.
- If you receive communion in the hand, try not to touch the deacon's or priest's hand. He will have to sanitize his hand if this happens.
- Some parishioners have asked to have a kneeler placed so they can receive communion kneeling. One kneeler will be placed on the piano side of the church. If you wish to receive communion kneeling, please go to that side. The priest will sanitize his hand after each reception.
- The Bishop asks that we are not to linger in the church after Mass is over. He wishes everyone to go straight to their vehicles.
- Daily Masses will resume as usual at 6:15 a.m. There will also be a Mass Monday evenings at 6:15 p.m., just after the rosary.
- Depending on the attendance at the Masses, Sacred Heart Parish may add a Mass on Saturday and on Sunday to accommodate the faithful. Keep watch for an announcement to see if this happens.

What we have is not ideal, but it is a start.

Pray to the Archangel Michael that our Masses go back to normal as soon as possible.

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

Pope Leo XIII (1810-1903)