

Mass FAQ for St. Liborius and St. Mary

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The good news is that public celebration of the sacraments of the Church will now begin again after such a long period of going without the graces of the sacraments. Foremost among these sacraments is the Holy Eucharist received during the Mass. There are a number of changes as to how parishioners may come to Mass, and how people should act during Mass. This FAQ document is meant to help explain these changes.

How many people can come to Mass?

The directives from our bishop restrict how many people can come to Mass so that separation between different households can be accomplished. For this reason, St. Liborius will be able to accommodate 125 persons for each Mass. St. Mary Parish will be able to accommodate 100 persons for each Mass.

How many Masses will there be?

At present St. Liborius and St. Mary will start with the normal Mass schedule for both daily and weekend Masses. If more weekend Masses are needed it will be considered.

How are you determining who can come to each Mass?

Both St. Liborius and St. Mary have set up a joint reservation system through the website Eventbrite. Each Wednesday before the weekend the system will go live and parishioners will be able to reserve places for each of their family members. The reservation website will be listed online via Flocknotes and the parish websites.

You can also call the St. Liborius or St. Mary parish office to reserve a seat.

What about daily Masses?

No reservation is needed for daily Masses at St. Liborius or St. Mary.

Who should come to Mass?

Everyone is welcome to come to Mass. However, there are some persons who should stay away from Mass at the present time. Persons who are elderly; or who have medical conditions that make them more prone to serious cases of COVID-19 should refrain from coming to Mass at this time. Anyone who is sick or

is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 should not come to Mass. The dispensation from the responsibility of attending Sunday Mass remains in effect.

What should I do if I reserve seats for myself and family?

Please come to the church at least 15 minutes before Mass begins. You will need time to check in with the greeters and the greeters will direct you to your seats. You can speed the check in process by printing the ticket you received from the reservation website. Please wear a mask at all times while inside the church and keep your distance from persons from other households.

What will be different about the Mass?

There will be some differences as to how the Mass is conducted. You will notice that all the hymnals and Mass guides have been removed from the pews. There will not be a Sign of Peace. There will not be a Procession of the Gifts. There are a number of changes for communion. At the end of Mass each section of pews in the church will leave when directed to by the greeters to avoid crowding at the doors.

What is different about Communion?

At Communion the persons in each pew who wish to receive Communion will stand up when directed to by the Greeter and form a single line in the middle aisle. The greeters will ensure that persons from different households remain spaced out. Please do not crowd the person in front of you. When you reach the front of the communion line there will be a small table with hand sanitizer on it for your hands. Please make use of it. When you stand before the priest or deacon receive the Eucharist and step aside six feet. After you have stepped aside remove your mask and consume the Holy Eucharist. Replace your mask and return to your pew by the side aisles. It is important to properly hold out your hands for the Eucharist. Place one hand under the hand receiving the Eucharist and keep your hands flat. By the directions for reopening for Mass if the priest or deacon touches another person's hand the priest or deacon must stop distributing communion and sanitize his hands. Do not have anything else in your hands while receiving Communion.

What happens at the end of Mass?

At the end of Mass please remain in your pews. The Greeters will direct people by pews to exit the church in an orderly fashion so as to avoid crowding at the doors.