

REVISED GUIDELINES FOR THE CELEBRATION OF SUNDAY LITURGIES

Thank you to all parishioners who have been able and willing to join us for the Eucharistic sacrifice beginning with Pentecost of this year. Your cooperation in goodwill with the diocesan and parochial regulations has been of great consolation and an encouraging testimony of your desire to prioritize the exercise of your faith. From your service in this way, you have blessed the whole parish.

Earlier this week of 11 October 2020, our Apostolic Administrator, the Most Reverend Walter Hurley, wrote some revisions to the diocesan guidelines for the communal celebration of Mass for the Lord's Day. St. Ignatius of Loyola will adopt as much as is feasible and as soon as our supplies allow. Although Bishop Hurley may from time to time call us to reverse some of these relaxations if public health conditions deteriorate, this is what we anticipate we will do beginning with the Masses for the Twenty-ninth Sunday through the year, 17-18 October. **Any areas not addressed by the following relaxations for now continue in force as originally directed by the diocese.**

ADMISSION

Enrollment for Masses will not be necessary, but seating is still limited. Please come to church in plenty of time to find a seat for you and your companions. The entrance opposite the hall will continue to be the only entry point. Excepting the area for people unable or unwilling to wear a face covering, seating will be expanded to every other row, as soon as we have the tape to revise the row configuration. **COVERINGS OVER THE NOSE AS WELL AS THE MOUTH ARE REQUIRED FOR ENTRY AND, UNLESS IN THE SANCTUARY, MUST BE USED THROUGH THE MASS. THIS IS HOW WE MAY ALL SAFELY ADD POSITIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS IN NOW PERMITTED GREATER NUMBERS THAN WE HAVE BEEN FREE TO OFFER UNTIL NOW.**

MINISTRIES AT THE ALTAR

Altar servers are again invited to serve in the sanctuary, up to two at a time. If you are interested in this, please have your parents contact the office so we may compile an updated roster of interested altar servers. As before, Confirmation and your generosity are all that are required to be eligible for training. Please remember that Deacon Scott or Father Rolando have revised some of the duties of servers to accommodate the needs presented by the public health emergency. Experienced servers will have to make the adjustments as directed before or during the Mass.

MUSIC

Bishop Hurley now permits congregational singing by **participants with covered noses and mouths** in the following ordinaries of the Mass. The Sanctus or Holy, the Eucharistic acclamation following the consecration, and the Angus Dei or Lamb of God. Other ordinary parts, including dialogs between the celebrant and the assembly, will continue to be spoken. **ONLY ONE CANTOR, IF AVAILABLE, IS PERMITTED WITH THE MUSICIAN IN THE CHOIR AREA. Any assemblage of individuals as a**

choir or *schola cantorum* is currently strictly forbidden. In the absence of a cantor, the Responsorial Psalm will continue to be led by the reader of the day; the Gospel Acclamation would be handled by the assembly with the celebrant.

HOLY COMMUNION

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will continue to receive the Eucharist in the manner recently implemented, near but not in the sanctuary, and after receiving the Host are to sanitize their hands before receiving the ciborium.

Holy Communion will be distributed in processions of those who want to receive the Eucharist. There will be a single file of communicants. You are expected to keep a distance of up to six feet (two meters) from the person immediately in front of you. Therefore, **THE FIRST PROCESSION shall regularly consist of persons from the main and side aisles facing ST. JOSEPEH'S ALTAR. THE SECOND PROCESSION shall regularly consist of persons from the main and side aisles facing the ALTAR OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. THE THIRD PROCESSION shall regularly consist of those persons willing to receive the Host on the tongue, and shall form after the first two processions. This third procession will lead to the Communion rail, observing proper distancing. Whichever procession you join, please** continue to wear your face covering until it is your turn to receive the Host, and cover your nose and mouth before returning to your pew.

DISMISSAL

Please continue to safely distance yourself or your group from the nearest person or group ahead of you. Please continue to use the exit of your choice. Please avoid assembling in groups once outside. After Mass we will continue to sanitize surfaces that have been touched, according to that part of the diocesan directives that have not yet changed. Please use hand sanitizer in your cars before leaving, or wash your hands thoroughly at your destination.

The Memorial of Pope St. Callistus I, Martyr
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