

Guide for Mass Attendance

Updated for May 28, 2021

For Mass, we are permitted to allow 100% of the capacity of the Church. Beginning May 22/23, the 2 outer pew sections will be kept for social distancing. The 2 inner pew sections will have no spacing limitations.

Beginning May 28, 2021, if you are fully vaccinated, you no longer need to wear a mask in the Church. Those who are not fully vaccinated, 2 years and up, must continue to wear a mask.

Restrooms are open for use. Missalettes and Song books will be placed back into the pews.

STATEMENT OF THE NEW JERSEY BISHOPS *Reinstating the General Obligation to Attend Mass*

At this time, due to the observance of public safety protocols and the increase in the availability of vaccines, we have begun a return to some sense of normalcy in various sectors of our society.

Therefore, we the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey, are lifting the dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Days Mass obligation beginning on Saturday, June 5, 2021, and Sunday, June 6, 2021, Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

We welcome the Christian faithful to return to the regular participation in the Sunday Eucharist, the source and summit of our Catholic faith (cf. Code of Canon Law canon 1247 and Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 2180).

This obligation does not apply to those who are ill; those who have reason to believe that they were recently exposed to the coronavirus or another serious or contagious illness; those who are confined to their home, a hospital, or nursing facility; or those with serious underlying health conditions. One should consult the local pastor if questions arise about the obligation to attend Mass (canon 87).

If you have a cough or feel sick, or if you have been exposed to someone with COVID, please do not come to Church for Mass or visit the church for any reason.

If you have any questions about the information being provided here, please feel free to call our Parish office at 856-424-1454, ext 102.