

Sacred Heart Church – Mass/Confession Directives as of June 15th

Weekday Masses – Monday through Friday, 7:00 am and 8:30 am, and Saturdays at 8:30 am

- No more than 50 people in attendance. To insure social distancing please be seated in designated pews with no more than 4 persons ‘spaced’ across the pew and no more than 3 persons in the last pews. Social distancing (6 feet) between groups of people from the same household and any other groups/individuals and between single individuals must be maintained at all Masses.
- All persons will enter through the Main Entrance of the Church. No gathering at entrance, on steps or in parking lot. Masks must be worn at all times, regular hand washing should take place before and after Mass. Rest Rooms will be open.
- There will be no gathering/greeting before or after Mass, no communal prayers/devotions before or after Mass, no missalettes, hymnals or any printed material in or near the pews, no congregational singing, no collection will be taken up (a container for parish offerings will be placed in the vestibule of the Church), no Presentation of Gifts, and no Sign of Peace.
- Communion will be distributed only as the Body of Christ. The Chalice will not be offered or shared. Communion in the hand is preferred. Those who wish to receive Holy Communion on the tongue should be last in line and receive from Father John only. Masks may be removed for Communion and then placed back on. Social distancing between those in the Communion line (6 feet apart) must be maintained.
- At the conclusion of Mass, parishioners will exit the Church, pew by pew, beginning with the last pew, maintaining social distance and returning immediately to their cars.
- Sanitation of the Church will begin as soon as all have departed.

In the coming weeks, I will share with you the Parish directives for limited public celebration for Sunday Mass and the other Sacraments of the Church.

Weekend Masses – Saturday at 4:30, Sunday at 7:30 am, 9:30 am, and 11:30 am.
***No 7:00 pm Mass at this time**

- No more than 70 people at one Mass. To insure social distancing please be seated in designated pews with no more than 4 persons 'spaced' across the pew and no more than 3 persons in the last pews. Social distancing (6 feet) between groups of people from the same household and any other groups/individuals and between single individuals must be maintained at all Masses.
- All persons will enter through the Main Entrance of the Church. No gathering at the entrance, on the steps or in the parking lot. Masks must be worn at all times, regular hand washing should take place before and after Mass. Rest Rooms will be open.
- There will be no gathering/greeting before or after Mass, no communal prayers/devotions before or after Mass, no missalettes, hymnals or any printed material in or near the pews, no congregational singing, no collection will be taken up (a container for parish offerings will be placed in the back of the Church), no Presentation of Gifts and no Sign of Peace.
- There will be two Communion stations in the center aisle. Holy Communion will be distributed only as the Body of Christ. The Chalice will not be shared. Communion in the hand is preferred. Those who wish to receive Holy Communion on the tongue should be last in line and receive from Father John only. Masks may be removed for Communion and then placed back on after receiving. Social distancing between those in the Communion line (6 feet apart) must be maintained.
- At the conclusion of Mass, parishioners will exit the Church, pew by pew, beginning with the last pew, maintaining social distancing and returning immediately to their cars. Those who wish to remain to pray may do so, but the prayer should be in private and in silence.
- Sanitation of the church will begin when all have departed.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
AT SACRED HEART CHURCH

Confessions will take place on Saturday following the 8:30am Mass.

Reconciliation Rooms will not be used.

Those who wish to go to Confession should stand or be seated by the windows of the Parish House side of Church.

Masks should be worn at all times and social distancing will be observed.

Confessions will be heard in the Eucharistic Chapel next to the wall on the right-hand side.

Confession will be face-to-face. A chair and a kneeler will be provided. Either can be used by the Penitent.

Electronic devices of any kind are prohibited.

When Confession is finished, the person, if they wish, may go to a pew on the Parish House side of the Church for private prayer.

In order to protect the dignity and confidentiality of the Sacrament please take a place near the back of the Church for prayer.

When finished, please depart in silence.