



Reopening Mass at St. Albert the Great Parish - Phase 1

Welcome to St. Albert the Great (SATG) Catholic Church. As we reopen our church in phases, we want to cover a few procedures that will keep you and those around you safe.

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE FOR MASS

- Wash your hands for 20 seconds before leaving home.
- Restrooms will be open at the church, but you are encouraged to use the restroom before leaving home.
- For those 10 and up, face masks are required on campus at all times and during Mass.
- The Calming Area (the Parents Alcove area behind the windows) is closed to seating.
- Bring your own hand sanitizer that can be used after touching services, and before receiving Holy Communion.
- The Worship Aid for the Mass is available online on the SATG website. Since hymnals and missalettes are not in use, you may wish to print the Worship Aid for your use during Mass.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE TO OUR CAMPUS

- Place your mask over your face as you exit your vehicle.
- The main doors to the church will open 20 minutes prior to Mass. Enter the queue marked with blue lines outside the middle double-doors to the church Narthex. This is the only entrance.
- Maintain 6-foot social distance between household groups, marked by blue lines in the queue.
- Keep children with your household group. Children should be accompanied by an adult at all times while on the SATG campus.
- Parish staff and Volunteer Ushers will be wearing badges or nametags. Once you enter the church, they will direct you to your seat.
- The three sections of the church will be filled at the same time starting from front to back. Every other pew is closed off with blue tape to maintain social distancing.
- You may be sharing a pew with another household. Please maintain a 6-foot social distance between households. Our kneelers are about 6 ft wide and can help to estimate the distance.
- There will be no seating in the Narthex or Calming Area.

PROCEDURES DURING MASS

- Please keep your face mask on during the entire Mass.
- The Sign of Peace has been suspended.
- Please do not hold hands during the Lord's Prayer.
- Baskets will not be passed during Offertory. You will be able to place your gift in baskets in the Narthex as you enter or exit, though we strongly encourage online giving. See the St. Albert the Great website for information regarding giving options.

- Hymnals and Missalettes are not in-use. The Worship Aid for the Mass is available online at the SATG website. You may access the Worship Aid on your Smartphone or tablet during Mass.

PROCEDURES FOR THE RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

- Reception in the hand remains the expectation for the time being.
- The Precious Blood will not be offered at this time.
- The use of personal hand sanitizer before communion is strongly encouraged.
- There is a single communion line in the center of each of the three main aisles.
- Ushers will let each pew know when it is their turn to exit.
- When your pew is prompted by the Usher to receive communion, stand up, and go to the center of the aisle in your section. Please maintain social distance between you and the person in front and behind you by following the blue lines which are 6 feet apart.
- With you mask still on, stand on the blue 'X' as you step up to the communion minister to receive communion. After the communion minister has dropped the Host in your hand, step to the next blue 'X' on either side, then pull down your mask, and receive the precious Body of Christ into your mouth. The communion minister must be able to see that you have consumed the Host. After you have received the Eucharist, pull your mask back on and return to your seat.

DEPARTURE PROCEDURES

- After the final blessing, parishioners must remain in their pew. Pews will be dismissed in an orderly fashion starting from the rear of each of the three sections. Ushers will instruct you as to which door you are to use to exit the seating area.
- You must exit your pew when prompted. Private prayer is not available after Sunday Masses in the church to allow the church to be reset and sanitized for the next Mass.
- All outside exit from the Narthex may be used during departure. You can drop your weekly offering in the baskets in the Narthex as you exit.
- Clergy will not shake hands when you exit. Please do not congregate in the narthex.

CHURCH CLEANING

- We have implemented a thorough sanitizing procedure between all Masses, including pews, seats, kneelers, door handles, and rest rooms.
- Parish staff are required to:
 - Wear face masks
 - Wash their hands regularly
 - Be screened regularly
- You are reminded to follow CDC guidelines regarding your own health. If you fall into an at-risk category, please remain at home and join us by live stream.