

New Protocols from Bishop Medley regarding Mass attendance beginning June 12 & 13 and following

- The general obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation is to be reinstated on the weekend of **June 12-13, 2021**. Again, those who are ill, have significant health risk factors, care for someone who is immuno-compromised or ill, as well as those who have significant fear or anxiety of contracting the coronavirus in a large group of persons are not obliged (CCC 2181).
- Per Kentucky State guidelines, masks are not required for anyone (including those who are unvaccinated), except by personal choice.
- Physical distancing is not required for anyone (including for those who are unvaccinated), except by personal choice.
- Holy water fonts and baptismal fonts may be filled and used by the faithful, but should be cleaned regularly.
- It is recommended that the Sign of Peace is offered without physical touch for now.
- The Precious Blood is not to be distributed to the faithful until further notice.
- At this time, receiving Communion in the hand remains the safest way to ensure that the virus is not being spread from one Communicant to the next. It is strongly recommended, therefore, that Communion in the hand remain as the preferred method for distribution. However, Communion may be received on the tongue at the pastor's discretion, provided that the minister's hands are sanitized before and after. (see next point)
- For those whose devotion is to receive Communion on the tongue we ask you to let Father or Deacon Randy know before Mass. At the end of the Mass, after everyone has left, move to the front pew and Father/Deacon will gladly serve you communion this way.

We are glad things have gotten so much better that we can again meet and enjoy each other's company, it has been a long time. Thank you for your patience during the pandemic.