

Diocesan Directives for the Opening of Churches:

We are to use only one entrance, which will be at the front. We will be adding more handicapped designated parking spaces near the front doors. All doors can be used for exiting.

Everyone 2 years of age and older must wear a mask.

You will sanitize your hands once you enter the Church.

To ensure social distancing of at least 6 feet (except for families), we are to rope off pews which will limit the number of people who can attend a given Mass. Roping off pews that cannot be used will help facilitate the sanitizing process of the used pews, door knobs, bathrooms, etc. after each Mass. **This is a requirement, and it will result in a drastically reduced seating capacity.**

There will be no congregational singing, nor can missalettes or hymnals be used. Likewise we are not to have bulletins or any other items to be distributed.

We have been directed that Masses should be of shorter duration.

Last of all and most important, Bishop da Cunha has stated the following for those who are uneasy to gather together in Church: "Considering that many people, because of age or a medical condition, are advised not to come to church during this outbreak, or may prefer to stay home because of fear of becoming infected, **the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass remains in effect until further notice.**"

Obviously this is all new, and we ask for your continued cooperation. We may need to modify how we conduct Masses after this first initial weekend.