

Welcome Back to Celebration of the Eucharist

Public celebration of the Mass has resumed at Saint James and Assumption. Many things have changed but the important thing hasn't changed at all; that is, to be with Jesus, to invite Him into our lives, and to allow God's Word to transform us and to receive Our Lord in the Eucharist as we heed His command, "Do this in memory of me".

Please be reminded of the following changes:

- Everyone is required to wear a face mask.
- Seating in the church is limited to 100 people adequately spaced. The lower church (at Saint James) can accommodate overflow seating for approximately 60 people if necessary. Certain pews have been closed to allow for social distancing. Families may sit together but unrelated people should sit six feet apart from one another. You may not be able to sit in your favorite seat.
- Missalettes, bibles, and bulletins have been removed from the pews.
- Music will be provided by our musicians; however, the congregation will not be singing.
- The entrance, offertory and recessional processions have been omitted as well as exchanging a sign of peace.
- The collection basket will not be passed. You are welcome to place your donation in the collection box as you enter or leave church. Alternatively, you are encouraged to use online giving or to mail a check to the rectory.
- When receiving Holy Communion, approach the altar while maintaining a distance from one another. Do not come up side by side. Keep your mask on if you are receiving in the hand. Receive the Eucharist, step to the side, drop your mask and receive Our Lord. If you wish to receive on the tongue, you are asked to come at the end of the communion line.
- Professional contractors have been hired to clean before each Mass. Parishioners are asked to depart shortly after Mass and arrive no more than twenty minutes before Mass to allow time for cleaning.

While the public celebration of Sunday Masses has resumed, dispensation from the Sunday obligation granted by the Archbishop will extend through **Saturday, November 28, 2020**. Sunday Mass will continue to be broadcast on Youtube.