

June 8, 2020

Holy Trinity Parish and St. Gregory Parish Updates

Welcome back! We are excited to return to the celebration of weekend Masses beginning June 13 and 14, Corpus Christi - a day to celebrate the joy of the Eucharist being the body and blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ. It is a day to reconnect with our parish family and community. It is a day to share in the Eucharist, once again.

“When we receive Communion, Christ is closer to us than ever! We should never take this precious gift for granted.” Saint John Vianney

General Guidelines

1. Attendance is restricted to 25% of church capacity (St. Gregory Parish ~ 80 people) (Holy Trinity Parish ~ 50 people in church, 50 people in parish hall). Doors will be locked when capacity is reached.
2. Entrance will be at the main doors only (St. Gregory: West doors from parking lot; Holy Trinity: East doors from parking lot). Other entrances will remain locked.
3. Masks are encouraged for all those attending.
4. Temperatures will be taken.
5. The use of hand sanitizer is encouraged upon entering and exiting the church.
6. The church will be cleaned after each use.
7. Holy water fonts will remain empty
8. Hymnals and aids have been removed from the pews.
9. Bulletins will be distributed by the ushers at the end of Mass only.
10. Pews will be marked for seating.

Guidelines for Parts of the Mass

1. It is assumed that the ministers in the sanctuary (Father, Altar Servers, Lector) will be six (6) feet away from the faithful so they should not wear masks or gloves during the celebration of the Mass.
2. Offertory procession (bringing up gifts) is omitted.
 - a. St. Gregory-Offertory boxes will be located at the main entrance (west door) and at the other exit doors (north and south doors)
 - b. Holy Trinity-Offertory box will be located at the main entrance.
3. Sign of peace is omitted.

Greeters

1. No greeters will be scheduled at this time. However, if you are comfortable and want to stand near the entrance, you may welcome our brothers and sisters back to the Liturgy. Masks must be worn. NO handshakes or hugs, please.

Altar Servers

1. No changes to the ministry of Altar Servers other than there will be no offertory gifts brought forth.

Lectors

1. No changes to the ministry of Lector. Begin with announcements, walk in procession, and remain in sanctuary as usual.

Distribution of Holy Communion (Eucharistic Ministers)

1. St. Gregory - Father will be the only minister of Holy Communion at this time.
2. Holy Trinity - 8AM: Father will minister Holy Communion in the church. An extraordinary minister will be in the parish hall for distribution. 7PM: Father will be the only minister of Holy Communion.
3. If an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion is asked, the minister should wear a mask during distribution.
4. Holy Communion may not be distributed with gloves, nor may it be received in the hand if a member of the faithful is wearing gloves.
5. It is strongly encouraged that the faithful receive Holy Communion in the hand. Anyone who wishes to receive on the tongue may do so. If the faithful desire to receive on the tongue, they should receive from the priest.
6. A single line will be formed in the center aisle, following social distancing.
7. At the conclusion of the distribution, proper hand sanitizing will be done.

Ushers

1. Be near entrance to help direct traffic and help the faithful keep 6 feet apart when entering and exiting church. (Members of a single household may enter and exit together.)
2. Count people entering church. Number of people cannot exceed 25% of capacity. (St. Gregory Parish ~ 80 people) (Holy Trinity Parish ~ 50 people in church, 50 people in parish hall). The main entrance doors will be locked when 25% of capacity is reached.
3. Hand out bulletins after Mass.
4. Wear masks (before Mass while taking counts and after Mass while handing out bulletins) and abide by social distancing guidelines.
5. Once Mass begins, take Offertory Box to your pew for 'safe keeping'. Place at table as Mass ends for the faithful to leave their offering as they part.
6. Gather offerings from all collection sites. Take to the sacristy to put into money bags.

Scrip

1. No sales at Masses at this time. Sales will continue at the Parish Offices only.

Dispensation from the Sunday Obligation remains in effect. The faithful should use their best judgment as to whether to attend or not to attend. Catholics who are not sick or frail due to illness or age are encouraged to return to Mass. Those showing symptoms of illness such as a cough or fever, even if not COVID related, in the spirit of Christian charity, should remain home.