

ST. ANDREW CHURCH, GUIDELINES for REOPENING of PUBLIC MASS beginning May 16:

How good to be able to make plans for opening our churches to all of you! Although many people may be ready to return to Mass, there is still a caution and guidelines that we are asked to follow. Please review the plans to reopen and realize we may need to change/update as we proceed. Continue to grace us with your patience. Thank you.

If you are concerned about being in public~

please DO NOT attend Mass. Remember, Bishop Vincke is offering dispensation during this time and you are not obligated to attend. If you or anyone in your family is sick in any way, please do not come to Mass.

If you are planning to attend weekend Mass~

You are strongly encouraged to wear masks and use hand sanitizer. Social distancing will be practiced.

Weekend Masses~

Saturdays 5:00 p.m.; Sundays 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Seating is limited by marked pews and social distancing will be practiced. No more than 4 people in a pew except large families may sit together. See examples below~ each color is a family and each block is a pew.



If the Church is full~

If the Church is full, you may go to your car to watch the Mass via Facebook or the website; or on Sunday morning at 10:30 you can listen to St. Therese radio 106.5 FM. After Mass is over, and those attending parishioners have left, you may come into the Church and Father Don will distribute Communion to you. You also have the option to go to Mass during the week at 7:30 a.m. (rosary at 7:10 a.m.)

Mass is live streamed on Saturday to the <St Andrew Church and Parish> Facebook page. Mass is recorded and is available on the website <sacabilene.com> by Sunday morning.

Please do not use the Balcony, Cry Room, or Parish Hall for overflow. The Cry Room is available only for a family with fussy child(ren).

Entering Church~

All three doors will be held open by EMC's as you arrive and depart. Ushers will manage the seating.

Books~

All books will be removed to limit the spread of germs. Missalettes will be available to pick up and take home. Please remember to bring them back with you each weekend. They will not be gathered after Mass.

Music~

There has been some concern about "atomized saliva" while singing and that it could spread germs. At Sunday Masses instrumental music may be played before Mass, at Offertory, and during Communion. A cantor only may sing the Responsorial Psalm. We all enjoy music, but for now, we will ere on caution.

Communion~

There will be one line for receiving Communion from Father Don. You may receive the Sacred Host in the hand only. Precious Blood will not be distributed. Please come down the center aisle alternating sides and maintaining social distancing between each as you go forward and as your return to your pew.

Exiting~

Ushers will come to each pew and dismiss you from Mass. Please wait to be dismissed. Please go directly to the parking lot to visit. This allows for the overflow of parishioners to enter the Church for Communion.

Cleaning~

Pews need to be disinfected after each service. We are asking for volunteers to help. Supplies are provided.

Thank you!

Your cooperation and patience is most appreciated as we navigate through these days.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." ~John 14:27