

St. Martin de Porres Parish is pleased to announce that we resumed public Masses on Saturday, May 23 2020. For the safety of parishioners, staff and the priest, the safety and sanitary guidelines listed below apply to all public celebrations of Mass in our church and must be followed:

Face-covering/masks MUST be worn by everyone over 3 years of age, in and around the church. It is suggested that as soon as you arrive and exit your vehicle, put your mask on. Please keep your mask on during Mass, except for when you are receiving Holy Communion.

Once you enter the church, you will notice that social distancing seating has been put in effect. We are only allowed to accommodate 20% of our normal seating capacity, so please arrive 15-20 minutes before Mass. Please remember social distancing (6' separation at all times).

It is highly recommended that you thoroughly wash your hands prior to coming to Church. It is recommended that you carry your own hand sanitizer. Public sanitizer stations are at the church entrances. There will be no holding hands during the Our Father and no Sign of Peace.

Distribution of Holy Communion will look different. Only the Body of Christ (hosts) will be distributed, as we are not allowed to share the cup of the Precious Blood. Remove your mask & gloves before receiving Communion. We ask that you receive Communion in your hands. Receiving on the tongue is permitted. The Ministers will sanitize their hands before, during (if needed) and after distribution of Holy Communion.

Music: No worship aids (like our Gather book) will be available at Mass. Singing from memory is permitted. Please keep your mask on while singing. Those older than 65 years of age (the recommended CDC age) with compromised health conditions or who are caring for the sick in any way are encouraged to remain at home.

The dispensation from the Sunday and Holy Day obligation to attend Mass is granted to all the faithful through Wednesday, February 17, 2021. Those in good health who enjoy dining out, shopping and traveling, are welcome and encouraged to join us for Mass. WELCOME!