



Diocese
of Toledo

Dispensation to be Lifted

The Dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and other Holy Days of Obligation is lifted

effective June 5, 2021

The following are some of the notable liturgical guidelines. For a complete list, see the memo available at reconnecttoledo.org/liturgy.

- **Face Masks are not required**
The personal decision by some members of the clergy or the faithful to continue wearing masks/facial coverings should be respected out of charity
- **Seating will no longer be limited**
Rows will not be limited/closed. According to pastoral need, a designated socially distanced area may be provided for those who prefer such seating.
- **Holy water fonts will be filled**
Holy Water stoops and fonts without filters, or fresh water access, will continue to be cleaned on a regular basis.
- **The sign of peace may be resumed**
The Sign of Peace does not necessarily imply physical touch with others. Some members of the faithful may still be reluctant to extend/receive a physical Sign of Peace and their preference for no physical contact should be respected.
- **Holy Communion reception on the hand or tongue is the prerogative of the communicant**
- **Hymnals may be used**
Hymnals, missalettes, worship aids, etc. may once again be utilized.
- **Liturgical Ministers may be reinstated**
A full complement of liturgical ministers (altar servers, lectors, ushers, musicians, cantors, choirs) may be reinstated.

Pastors will continue to make every effort to keep the churches/chapels entrusted to their care are clean and safe.

Those who have a serious reason, the sick and infirmed as well as those with pre-existing conditions, those who are incapable of physically attending Mass, and those who care for someone who is immuno-compromised are exempt from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. They should, however, make every effort to watch a broadcast of Mass from their homes.