

## **GENERAL GUIDELINES**

- 1. The decree issued by Bishop Soto on March 13, 2020, dispensing ALL the faithful from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation remains in effect.**
2. Those who fall in the vulnerable category, i.e. individuals age 65+ and persons with compromised health conditions, are highly recommended to continue with the shelter-in-place ordinances instituted by state and local authorities. This also applies for priests, deacons, and ministers who are in the same vulnerable categories.
3. Physical distancing is to be observed during the celebration of Mass by every person present. Individuals living in the same household may remain close to one another but must observe social distancing with other individuals or other households.

## St. Joseph Parish Guidelines

### A. General:

1. In compliance with the Current Public Health and Diocesan Guidelines, we will limit our attendance to 100 people in **each** Mass.

a) Beginning Monday, June 8th, there will be a sign-up sheets for each Mass outside the church from 8:00am - 5:00pm. Please drop by during that week and choose which Mass you are attending.

b) If you are coming as a family or as a couple, please indicate and put the number of members coming.

c) The sign-ups will serve as our “contact tracing” also, which is another requirement for a “social gathering.”

2. Wearing mask during Mass is strongly recommended.

### B. Before, During, After the Mass:

1. The Church will be open 30mins before the Mass. Please come early so we will not have a congested traffic.
2. Upon entering the Church, you will find a small table with a Hand Sanitizer for sanitation. In that table also, you will find the previous sign-up sheet, please find your name and indicate that you are present by checking.
3. The pews are marked with blue paint tapes as indicator of where you are to sit. A volunteer will be directing you to the next vacant seat. Please follow them respectfully.
4. During the Holy Communion. We will do Communion by **section/row**. A more detailed instructions will be provided at the beginning of the Mass and before Communion time.

**Important Note:** Per Diocesan Guidelines, **Communion by hand is strongly recommended.**

5. After the Final Blessing/Recessional Song, the people are ask to leave by section/row. In observance to social distancing, it is recommended that you head straight to your car after exiting the Church.