

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNS THE LIMITED REOPENING FOR MASS AT NATIVITY OF BVM AND ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

For Nativity persons wanting to attend Saturday Night or Sunday Mass are to contact Ron Haley or the parish office (leave a message with your name and contact information). For St John the Baptist Mission please contact **Contact Kathy 503-728-3149**

Father Mark has been given permission from the Archdiocese to hold Mass on a limited basis. Anyone who wants to attend Mass can contact Ron Haley at 503-556-2073. Because of this virus you must be put on a list with your name and phone number.

The Archdiocese has specified that no one may be admitted to Mass unless they are on the list. Father Mark is currently looking into adding more Mass times to accommodate all who wish to attend.

Below is a list of guidelines that are being implemented during this period.

General Principles

- Mass attendance will be limited in accord with government directives (e.g. 25, 50, 250).
- Social distancing must be practiced at all times within churches (minimum of six feet apart except members of the same household).
- A general dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation will remain in place.
- Anyone attending Mass does so at their own risk. Vulnerable, at-risk and otherwise concerned persons should remain home.
- Anyone who has even the slightest symptoms or feelings of sickness must remain home.
- Restrictions and guidelines here pertain to all Masses, including weddings, funerals, etc.

Liturgical practices currently proscribed will remain proscribed

1. No Sign of Peace
2. No distribution of the Precious Blood
3. No holy water in fonts

Additional, temporary liturgical restrictions:

1. No congregational singing (unless those in the congregation are wearing masks). Cantors need not wear masks if they are at least thirty feet away from the people in front of them. This minimizes the potential spread of infection through projected respiratory droplets.

2. No collection is taken during the Mass (instead, baskets will be placed near the entrance of the church).
3. No presentation of the gifts by the faithful.

In addition, the following must be observed:

1. All missalettes, pew cards, pencils and other loose items in the pews have been removed.
2. Individual bulletins will not be distributed.

Communion

1. Social distancing must be maintained during the Communion procession.
2. Single file Communion lines only.
3. Holy Communion is to be distributed by hand in the normal fashion. Ministers may not use gloves (or devices or instruments) to distribute Holy Communion.