



Addressing Safety Concerns

If you are coming back to weekend Mass inside the church (or cafeteria for overflow), you will notice that St. Matthias has numerous precautions in place for your safety. The Pastoral Council Task Force for the Restoration of Mass along with Frs. Abraham and Joe, has gone to great lengths to ensure that the safest and most reverent environment is maintained as we begin to gradually gather together again. Many of the safety measures are summarized below. We hope that by putting these measures into place, your experience of coming back to Mass is not only a sacred experience but a safe one as well. We welcome your feedback through matthiasmatters.net.

In accordance with state and local guidance, the following safety measures are in place:

- Masks are required
- Hand sanitizer is available
 - The presider and Eucharistic Ministers use it at various points during the Mass and before distributing communion.
- Maintain 6ft social distancing between households
 - Parishioners are escorted to appropriate seating and must stay in the designated space
 - Lines are on the floor to facilitate distance for the communion line.
 - Pews are emptied carefully for distancing purposes and to avoid person-to-person contact.
- All persons participating in the mass and helping with seating or cleaning are being screened for symptoms prior to mass.
- Doors are open both for ventilation and to minimize commonly touched surfaces.
 - Please enter through the main entrance to the church when cones for cleaning detail have been removed.
 - Please enter through the far entrance to the cafeteria when the cones for cleaning have been removed.
- To maximize the ventilation in the church, doors will be open, air conditioning will be running as well as the ceiling fans.
- To maximize ventilation in the cafeteria, doors will be open, windows will be open and air conditioning will be running.
- There are detailed plans for seating, the communion lines after the final blessing, the way to receive communion, as well as exiting the venues.
- Church and cafeteria seating will adhere to the Governor's most current executive order regarding the number of people allowed in a venue. We will always consider the safest way to administer these guidelines in our seating arrangements.

- Both the church and the cafeteria surfaces will be disinfected after each mass or event in the facility.
- The cry room is unavailable for seating.
 - Lavatory is available for emergencies and will be cleaned after masses.
- There is a plan in place to isolate someone who becomes sick during the mass.
 - If someone becomes sick in the church, the lavatory in the cry room will be unavailable.
- The mass will be live streamed and available for those at home and in the parking lot from 5 pm on Saturday evening.
 - Those viewing from the parking lot should park in the side lot.
 - After the final blessing, communion will be distributed at the main entrance to the church for those viewing in the parking lot.

Those in vulnerable groups should stay home.

If you are not feeling well or if someone in your household is sick, please stay at home and take care of yourself so that you can join us when you are well.