

Here is our plan for resuming public Masses and other Sacraments at St Catherine Laboure Catholic Church. Our first weekday Mass will be Monday May 25 and the first Sunday Mass will be May 31.

It will have been more than two months since our last public Mass. We are so eager to begin again. As we slowly and cautiously return to the more normal, we need to follow certain guidelines and practices that may be seen as inconvenient but will help us keep everyone safe. Thank you in advance for your understanding, cooperation and patience.

First of all, we would like to remind everyone that there is no obligation to attend Sunday Mass until June 28. If you or someone you live with is sick, not feeling well or particularly at risk, please stay home and watch Mass online. Please remember, if you are ill, you are never obliged to attend Sunday Mass. Our Masses will be live streamed until the pandemic has ended.

There will be a different arrangement of seating in the church. Exactly one hour before the Sunday Mass starts the doors will be opened and we will begin seating. Ushers will seat people first come, first seated one family at a time. Capacity will be reduced, so once the church is full, others will be told to come at another time.

Everyone, except small children 7 years old and under, needs to wear a mask. We are sorry to say that we do not have masks available for distribution. You will need to bring your own. No mask, no entry to Mass.

Ushers will receive offertory envelopes and cash in a drop box in the narthex. As you enter you may drop your offering directly into the box. We would like to encourage our parishioners to opt for online giving as much as possible.

Ushers will guide the movement for Communion. The priest and deacon will distribute Communion into your hands from behind a plexiglass screen. Please use hand sanitizer before and after receiving Communion. Please partially remove your mask before extending your hands, so that once you have the host in your hands, you may place the host in your mouth immediately and then replace your mask. Parents, please help your small children so that we avoid dropping hosts.

At the end of Mass, please leave in families, patiently keeping distance from others. Please do not congregate in front of the church or in the parking lot to socialize. We will have lots of parties soon. Just not yet!

Please note the Mass schedule has changed.

English

Sunday: 11am

Monday- Friday: 12:10pm

Saturday: 4pm

Spanish

Sunday: 8am

Weddings and Funerals will begin again following similar norms as our other Masses. Please contact the office.

Baptisms will also begin. Distancing will be observed.

Confessions have been available by appointment via the Sacramental emergency phone at 470-377-2153 and email at stjoethens@gmail.com. We will now also have a priest available for confession outdoors by the office entrance on Saturday from 3-345pm. Please wear a mask. The church will be open for personal prayer from 11am-2pm Monday to Friday. Please no group devotions or singing. Except for small children all must wear masks. Please keep distancing. Please note that Mass protocols will be reviewed weekly and are subject to change.

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