

Important Information for the modification of Liturgical Practices and Behaviors Against COVID-19 for St. Andrew, St Wenceslaus and St. William Parishes

Masses during the week and on the weekend will go on as normal. We will make timely adjustments as the situation evolves.

With regards to Masses especially our "Sunday" Masses, though we will be having all our Masses. Please, use your discretion when making the decision to attend weekend Mass or not. If you are sick, please stay home. If you are elderly or have underlying health conditions you are strongly advised to stay home. If you are just uncomfortable or desire to minimize your exposure and would rather not attend "Sunday" Mass, that is permissible, and you would NOT be breaking the "obligation". If you choose not to attend Mass, you are encouraged to watch the Mass on EWTN or KSFY TV on Sundays. You could also listen to the Holy Mass on Catholic Radio. Just don't be trapped by irrational fear.

During the celebration of the Holy Mass in our Churches we will continue to follow some practices we have already implemented along with some additional practices that we have received from the Archdiocese. Only one greeter per door to open for parishioners to avoid excessive contact with surfaces. Each week the Churches will be sanitized prior to the weekend Masses. Each parish make arrangements to see that this is done.

- There will be no Sign of Peace until further notice.
- Please refrain from hand shaking after Mass as well.
- Please do not hold hands during the Our Father if that is a practice.
- Only the Priest Celebrant will receive the Precious Blood during Mass. Our Deacons, EMHC's and the Faithful will receive only the Body of Christ.
- We invite communicants to receive on the hand. Reception of Communion on the tongue may inadvertently contaminate the hands of those distributing Communion. However, individual communicants have the right to decide.
- Holy Water has been removed from all the fonts at the entrances of our Churches.

This situation is very dynamic and is changing daily or even hourly. We will continue to keep you informed as best we can through all our available means.

Most importantly, let us continue to pray for a speedy end to this situation through the intercession of St. Joseph. I would like to offer the following prayer shared with us by Archbishop Lucas and encourage you to pray it daily.

- Priest, Deacon and all who are distributing Holy Communion will sanitize our hands before and after distribution of Holy Communion.

PLEASE PRAY

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation. Through that charity which bound you to the immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance, which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be propitious to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness; and, as once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's children from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection. Amen. (Excerpted from the Enchiridion of Indulgences, 1969.)

Modified excerpts from Fr. Keiter's letter to the parishioners of All Saints, Holy Family and St. Rose.