



***Resumption of Public Liturgies in
the Time of Public Health Concern
Sunday/Weekday Mass
Directives and Guidelines
for Saint Luke Church----May 2020
(Subject to change)***

These directives/guidelines currently remain in effect by order of Bishop Murry and will be revised or changed should any further directives be issued by the Governor of Ohio, the Bishops of Ohio, or Bishop Murry. They are considered to be temporary until it is determined safe to return to the normal circumstances.

DISPENSATION FROM THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS

The Catholic faithful who reside in the Diocese of Youngstown, especially those who are sick, or at high risk of becoming sick continue to be dispensed from their Sunday obligation until further notice.

***General Guidelines**

1. Understanding the desire of many to return to church, it remains important for those who are at greater risk to refrain from returning until such time they feel comfortable and confident to do so.
2. Those who are symptomatic or who have been exposed to another with the virus within 14 days should not attend Mass in accordance with national, state and local health directives.
3. Mass will continue to be posted to the Saint Luke website, Facebook and YouTube.
4. Appropriate cleaning of high use areas within the church will be done before and after each service.
5. Appropriate physical distancing before, during, and after liturgical celebrations is required. 2 or more individuals living in the same household may sit together while maintaining a 6 feet distance between others in the same pew.
6. As worshipers enter the church, they are asked to sit in the middle sections of the pews first so others will not need to walk in front of them in the pew.
7. Gatherings before or after Mass are not permitted. No receptions or social events (*i.e. coffee/donuts*) may be held.
8. Those attending Mass are expected to wear masks or face coverings.
9. The amount of people able to be in restrooms at the same time will be posted.
10. Sanitizer will be available at both entrances to the church. Worshipers are encouraged to bring their own sanitizer to use before receiving Holy Communion.
11. Bulletins and other materials will be available for pick-up at the end of mass. They will NOT be distributed by ushers.

12. All worshipers are encouraged to wash their hands before and after Mass being mindful not to touch their face, eyes, or nose.
13. Worshipers are encouraged to remain in their seats during Mass to avoid coming into contact with others by leaving their seats. It is especially important for children to remain in their seats for the whole Mass.
14. At the end of Mass, sections will be dismissed one at a time to avoid gathering in the narthex. Worshipers are expected to go directly outside to meet family and friends, while maintaining social distancing.

* **During Mass**

- ◆ All hymnals/missalettes will be removed until further notice.
- ◆ Offertory baskets will be placed at both entrances to the church for worshiper to drop their offering at the beginning of Mass.
- ◆ There will be no offertory procession during Mass.
- ◆ Except for household members seated together, physical contact during the Lord's Prayer (*holding hands*) and the Sign of Peace is suspended. For the Sign of Peace those present are encouraged to bow to others and offer words of peace.
- ◆ Holy Communion will be given in the hand.
- ◆ The location of stations for the distribution of Holy Communion will be clearly designated to facilitate orderly movement and to maintain proper physical distance. One-way traffic patterns will be observed. Floor markings will designate traffic flow and 6 foot safe distances.
- ◆ Holy Communion may not be received in the hand with gloves.
- ◆ Eucharistic ministers will wear masks during the distribution of Holy Communion.
- ◆ When approaching the minister, the communicant is to pull their mask below their chin. The communicant is asked to extend their hands as far as possible toward the minister. The minister, after saying, "Body of Christ," will carefully place (drop) the host into the hand of the communicant avoiding any incidental contact. Communicants, after responding "Amen," reverently place the Eucharist in their mouth and replace their mask.