

Phase 2: resuming weekend Masses  
**St Mary's & Holy Cross parish guidelines**

Per phase 2 of the diocesan guidelines, we will resume normally scheduled weekend Masses at both St. Mary's (SM) and Holy Cross (HC) starting on Saturday, June 27th and Sunday, June 28th. *If you or direct family members are considered high-risk, we encourage you to continue to worship from home.*

During Phase 2, parishes will follow identical liturgical, hygienic, and cleaning procedures specified for phase 1. Please review the attached document listing the diocesan guidelines.

Wearing masks is "strongly encouraged" for all parishioners five years of age and older. Please be aware that pregnant women are recommended NOT to wear masks, and for some, wearing a mask may cause nausea. Please be tolerant and respectful of each person's choice.

All parishioners are expected to help in maintaining six feet of spacing with other parishioners not attending as an interrelated group.

Seating adjustments will be made to both churches to maintain social distancing requirements. This includes removing from use every other pew. Ushers will provide assistance with seating of parishioners. Additional adjustments may be required depending on circumstantial awareness.

HC can only accommodate about half the number of parishioners typically attending Mass. Therefore, half of HC parishioners can attend Mass on June 28th and the other half to attend Mass on July 5th. HC parishioners will be divided into two groups by alphabet, by last name. Group #1 includes parishioners with last name beginning with A-I. Group #2 includes parishioners with last name beginning with J-Z. Parishioners restricted from attending Mass at HC can attend Mass at SM.

Chairs will be placed in the social hall at SM for added seating during Mass. The cry room will be available with some seating removed. The adjustment should provide enough seating for the typical number of attendees for both Saturday and Sunday and any additional HC parishioners.

Fr. Andrew and designated Eucharistic ministers will distribute Communion. All parishioners are to remain at their seating location to receive Communion. If you do not plan to do so already, please at least consider receiving the host on your hand so as to not risk contacting the minister with saliva. If you still opt to receive on the tongue, please receive last.

Baskets will be available and marked at church entrances for collections.

Hand sanitizer dispensers will be available. Please consider bringing your own hand sanitizer to meet the expected demand.

\* These guidelines may change to adapt currently unforeseen circumstances. Modifications will be communicated in some manner.