

**We are very eager to welcome you to Mass at Sacred Heart! We want you to be aware of the necessary changes we have made to promote safety, and we want to prepare you for how things will function before you arrive.**

1. **Masks:** All those ages 5 & up are required to wear a mask that covers both nose and mouth. Those ages 2-5 are encouraged to wear masks, but it is up to parents' discretion. Those under 2 should not wear a mask.
2. **Distancing:** Social distancing between households must be always maintained.
3. **Doors:** Only the double doors facing Centre Street and the handicapped-accessible door are being used. We ask that you arrive no earlier than 30 minutes before Mass.
4. **Seating and capacity:** Households will be seated approximately two arms' lengths apart, and we are using only every other pew. You will be seated by an usher to ensure this distancing. Our approximate capacity is 150 people. We hope that we can accommodate everyone, but we will have to turn people away if we reach capacity.
5. **Restrooms:** Please use the restroom in the back of the church. If you need a handicap-accessible bathroom, please see a staff person or volunteer.
6. **Communion:** Ministers will bring Communion to you in your pew. When the minister arrives:
  - a. Please remain seated and continue to wear your mask while being served.
  - b. All reception must occur in the hand; there is no reception on the tongue at this time.
  - c. The minister will drop the host reverently and carefully into your cupped hands, rather than touch your hands.
  - d. After the minister has exited your pew, you may remove your mask to consume the host. Replace your mask immediately after consuming.
  - e. The minister will use hand sanitizer in the event any contact occurs before they serve the next person.
  - f. Gloves are not recommended; it is easier for everyone to clean their hands in the event of accidental touching.
7. **Singing:** The congregation is invited to sing the Mass parts as directed, while keeping masks on.
8. **Collection:** Baskets are at the door of the church on your way out, or you can give online; thank you for your continued generosity to our parish!
9. **Dismissal:** When Mass is dismissed, you will be directed by an usher to exit one pew at a time. Thank you for your patience.
10. If anyone notices any perceived safety issue, contact a staff member or Mass volunteer.

For the safety of our congregation, if a congregant does not comply with these guidelines, they will need to leave the church property.