

QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

PHASE TWO INSTRUCTIONS

Assuming that the state will move to “Phase Two” after May 22, 2020, we will be able to admit proportionate groups of people back into the church for our weekend services. The canonical obligation to assist at Mass, however, remains lifted and we continue to *live stream* the two Sunday Masses so that in the safety of your home you can continue to be connected to the parish. We encourage you to continue to do this as the *safest* way to be in a relationship with us currently.

Following the distance parameters and safety requirements of the governor’s office, we can admit **98 individuals** into the Church for each of the weekend Masses and **22 people** into the Daily Mass Chapel in Drexel Hall for daily Mass. The following procedures are in place for everyone’s safety and if you choose to come to church as *Phase Two* is initiated, we have an expectation that you will adhere to them. Of import is to always remember that if you do not feel well, or have a cough or a slight temperature, please do not come to church. High risk individuals (because of health or age) should not attempt to come to church but continue to pray with us via *Live Stream*.

WEEKEND MASSES (Sat. 5:00PM and Sun. 9:15 and 11:00 AM): *Beginning the weekend of May 30 - 31*

Confessions are on Saturday at 4:00PM until 4:30PM in the Reconciliation Chapel in the Church. Please follow directions. You must wear a facemask to celebrate Reconciliation. At 4:30PM the building must be emptied to prepare the sanctuary for Mass.

For the weekend Masses, the **two center doors** in front of the building will be unlocked ten minutes before each service.

There should be no unsafe congregating outside the doors prior to their opening. *Sitting in your car is safer.*

Enter, keeping a safe distance of six feet between individuals. Use sanitizer.

You must wear a face mask (children over 2 years old).

Move quickly into the church and find a **marked seat**. Families who live in the same residence may sit together. You may only sit in a marked seat in an open pew. There are no exceptions.

There can be no standing in any part of the building or the Gathering Space once seats are full. If you arrive after the seats have been taken, you must, unfortunately, exit the building.

Follow all instructions for the Communion procession and continue to maintain safe distancing for your safety and the safety of the ministers.

Utilize the sanitizer just prior to receiving Communion as directed and keep your mask on until you receive the Eucharist. The process of receiving Communion will be much slower than usual. Please be patient.

Any offering or envelope you bring can be dropped in the baskets by the interior metal doors of the church. *Collection baskets cannot be passed hand – to – hand.*

As soon as Mass ends, exit the building by the brown metal doors on each side of the church. Do not leave through the front doors. There should be no congregating in the building.

The pews and the building are sanitized after each Mass.

While bathrooms will be available in a limited way for a necessity, please remember it is far safer not to use a public restroom.

DAILY MASS (M,T,W and F at 9:00 AM): *Beginning on Monday, May 25, 2020*

The building is opened at 8:30 AM. Enter only through the building doors into the Narthex (not through the MAK Center or the Parish Office). You must wear a face mask. Use sanitizer.

Please sit in designated seats only. If capacity is reached before you can take a seat, you must, unfortunately, exit the building. There can be no standing in any other section of the building.

Follow directions for the Communion procession: sanitizing before receiving and keeping your face mask on until you receive the Eucharist. Communion will take longer. Please be patient.

After Mass, please exit through the front doors in the Narthex.

The side “sacristy” door is not available as an exit nor as a way to go to the rest rooms or the main office.

Please access these areas through the main doors.

IN CONCLUSION:

Personally, I know this will not be as “satisfying” as being able to come back together again as a parish family. We still long for that day. We do beg your patience and understanding as we initiate this “first come, first served” process. It is not ideal. In speaking with others, though, the “sign up method” has not worked well either since folks just “show up.” We must be strict about numbers in order to be safe, so we pray your indulgence. You might consider not coming every week or seeing your presence in the church as an occasional spiritual uplift...giving someone else the opportunity at other times to be present to the community.

Let’s continue to pray for one another until we can be together again!

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