



# Opening Our Doors

## Gathering as Church in a Time of Pandemic

### Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Church Reopening Instructions

We are excited to gather again in our beautiful church to celebrate the mass as a community. Although the governor and archbishop have given us permission to do so, there are certain guidelines we all must follow to ensure that our celebrations are both safe and spiritually enriching.

Please be attentive to the following directives:

- **Decide if it is appropriate for you and your family to return to mass at this time.**
  - **Are you at risk?** Are you over 60 or do you have a health condition that has compromised your immune system or makes you particularly vulnerable to coronavirus? If so, we recommend that you stay home.
  - **Are you a risk to others?** Are you currently sick, experiencing corona virus symptoms, or have been exposed to someone with corona virus within the last 14 days? If so, please stay home.
  - We ask that children 3 years and younger stay home with a care taker.
  
- **If you feel it is safe for you to come to mass please follow these guidelines**
  - **Masks are a must!** Everyone participating in the liturgy must wear a mask. You will not be allowed to enter the church without a mask.
  - **Doors to the church will open for seating 15 minutes before the beginning of the scheduled liturgy.**
  - **First-come-first-serve for seating!** Seating is limited and will be offered on a first-come-first-serve basis.
    - We do ask that all members of your household that will be seated together arrive before your group will be taken to your seats.
  - **There will only be one entrance!** We request that you enter the church through the main arched doors off the plaza.
  - **Remember to stay 6 feet apart!** Family members that live together are able to sit and stand together, however they are required to remain at least 6 feet from other individuals and families and from other households
    - Even when waiting to enter the church, please continue to maintain a 6 foot distance between families.
    - We know it will be hard, but please NO hugs, handshakes, or physical contact between you and other individuals outside of your household.
  
- **Follow all instructions!** When you come into the church, you will be greeted and guided to your seat. You will not be able to enter the Church without being escorted. We ask that you remain in your assigned seats until the conclusion of the liturgy. Please follow all directives given by ministers and staff.

- **Other important details to note**

- **Things will be different!** Although we are able to gather again in worship, to ensure the safety and health of everyone participating in our liturgies require that our liturgies will look and feel different.
  - There will be minimal music, abbreviated preaching, and distribution of communion at the conclusion of mass. There will be no distribution of Precious Blood.
  - When receiving communion, please follow the safe distance markings on the aisles. When you approach the communion minister, stand at arm's length. Communion may be received in the hand only. When you have received the host, please step to the next marking on the floor to remove your mask and consume the host. Then replace your mask and proceed up the aisle and exit the church.
  - Although we are having to compromise the quality of our liturgies, we know that the same power of grace that transforms us at every mass will be fully present.
- **Capacity will vary.** We are only able to accommodate 25% of our church capacity. With the required 6 foot distance between families and individuals, we will likely have fewer than that maximum amount permitted in the Church.

*Welcome back to Holy Rosary.*

