

Mass Guidelines



During COVID-19 we are limited in capacity and need to keep our community safe and secure. As we prepare to welcome you back to Mass, there are some guidelines that we will need to be aware of and follow.

Due to capacity limitations, registration is required to attend Mass. You may do this online on our website at www.stwalterchurch.com or you may call Linda Wasserstrom at the Parish House Offices. Reservations will be taken on a first come first serve basis. You will receive an email or telephone call from us confirming your reservation.

Please note that if you are among those considered vulnerable due to age or health issues, it is strongly recommended that you do not attend Mass in person at this time. Masses will continue to be live streamed.

Masks will be required for all that attend Mass. Only one entrance and exit will be open. Please park in our lot and enter through the Circle Drive doors. At the doors, you will be met by greeters who will ask your name, ensure you are wearing a mask, take your temperature, and sanitize your hands with antibacterial spray.

Once inside the church, an usher will greet you in the Narthex. The usher will direct you to a seat. Please note that there is tape on the floor with arrows showing in which direction people should travel up and down aisles. Pews are also marked with tape and measured for the appropriate amount of physical distancing. Families may sit together. However, to keep a safe distance, other parishioners will need to sit six feet apart, even friends. Please keep social distancing practices in place during the entire Mass.

During Mass, there will be no singing by the congregation. We will not bring up gifts and baskets will be placed at the baptismal font for your offertory gifts. There will also be no hand holding at the Our Father and no physical Sign of Peace. Remember that safety is our number one concern for everyone in the church.

At Communion an usher will direct each pew. There is tape placed on the floor to indicate where you should stand to maintain the six -foot social distance. As you approach the front of the church, a greeter will be there to again spray your hand with sanitizer and will direct you to a minister. Please keep your mask on at this time. Approach the minister as you normally would. Reception of Holy Eucharist will be by hand. Once you have received the Precious Body, you will step over to the tape to the side of the minister. You will then remove your mask consume the Eucharist, replace your mask and return to you seat. Please be patient as this process will take longer than usual and take some time getting used to.

At the end of Mass, please be seated and wait for an usher to dismiss your row. We will begin at the back pews first as we exit. Again, maintaining physical social distancing.

Please note that due to physical social distancing, the St. Anne's room (also known as the Cry Room) is not available. Additionally, there is only one washroom available off the Narthex.

We know that everyone is excited to see one another again, but please exit the church through the Circle Drive doors and proceed to your cars. We are not allowed to have any gatherings in the Narthex or parking lot at this time.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate this new normal.