



## *The Parish Community of St. James*

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Dear Parishioners,

With the approval for Mass utilizing 25% of church capacity, (a maximum of 100-125 people), following safety protocols such as single door entry after check in, the wearing of masks, socially distanced seating, a shortened Mass and trained volunteers for seating and crowd movement, St. James will be ready to open with one weekend Mass, the 9am on Sundays, beginning Sunday July 12. St. Patrick's will have vigil Mass at 4pm on Saturdays beginning Saturday July 11. This weekend schedule will be in place until we can return to a full schedule.

To manage the seating without turning people away, as well as having a required record of who attended Mass, reservations will be needed. I know that may sound strange or extreme, but it is what State and County Health Departments have set forth as reasonable and prudent in the event that any attendee is found to be Covid-19 positive. Other safety protocols that must be followed are on the other side of this letter. I ask that you to read them completely.

To make reservations you will need to call the office between 9:30 to 1:30 Monday through Thursdays. Reservations cannot be not taken after 1:30 on Thursday.

Recognizing, that a vaccine, as well as effective treatments for Covid-19 are not yet available the Bishop is continuing to extend the dispensation from Sunday worship. Live streaming Masses, and other online spiritual resources will continue to be the main source of how people stay in touch with their faith. Notice of live streaming from St. James will come in early July. There will be daily Masses at 6:45am and 11am Thursdays. No reservations will be required but there will be a sign in at the parking lot doors. All safety protocols must be followed for daily Masses.

My prayers to everyone as we continue to pray for each other, for the world, our nation and so many other things.

Sincerely,

Father Kevin

Pastor, St. James-St. Patrick's

## **Guidelines for Sunday Mass**

**Everyone MUST always wear a mask in church. Please bring a pocket-sized sanitizer for your personal use.**

Because our seating capacity it is necessary to make a reservation each week to attend Mass. Please call the Parish Office- Monday through Thursday, 9:30am- 1:30pm. No reservations accepted after 1:30pm on Thursday.

**The Parking Lot door will be the ONLY entrance for Mass;** this is where you will check in. You will be able to exit from any door. Please come to Mass early. After a reasonable amount of time entry will close and Mass will begin.

You will be seated by an usher; seating will begin in the center section of the church and be filled in front to back to minimize contact. Families/households may sit together but maintain social distancing from other families/individuals. You must remain in your seat and not congregate with other parishioners before or after Mass.

Missalettes will not be in the pews. The screen will provide you with prayers and music. Singing for the congregation is discouraged.

Offertory Baskets will not be passed. There are collection baskets stationed in the back of the church for you to drop your offertory in as you enter or leave.

For distribution of Holy Communion:

- Holy Communion will be distributed by section to help maintain social distancing.
- Sanitize your hands before you leave your pew for Communion.
- Maintain social distancing as you wait in line (guidelines on floor).
- Keep your mask on when you approach for Holy Communion; after receiving, step to the side (social distance), lower your mask and then consume the host.
- Return to your pew for private prayer; after the final blessing, people will be dismissed section by section to limit contact.
- At dismissal, please again sanitize your hands before you leave your pew.

### **Guidelines for Daily Mass- Thursdays at 6:45am & 11am**

Guidelines are the same as for Sunday Mass, with the following exceptions:

- No reservations are needed.
- Mass will be in the Main Church for easier distancing.
- Entry and check in will be at the Parking Lot door lobby beginning at 6:15am for the 6:45am and 10:30am for the 11:00am.
- Seating will be front to back, in the pews off the center aisle.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!

We need volunteers! If you are willing and able to assist, please contact the Parish Office- [stjamesc@stjamescaz.com](mailto:stjamesc@stjamescaz.com)/315-655-3441 or email Father Kevin-kcorcoran@stjamescaz.com.