

## **GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATING AT SUNDAY MASSES**

The Cathedral will re-open for all public Weekday and Weekend Masses and Services beginning on: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 9:00 am. On the following weekend, Sunday Masses will resume as before (*Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 8:30 am and 10:30 am*). We look forward to the gathering of our Faith Community once again. As we resume public Masses, we are asked to practice the following guidelines to ensure everyone's health safety.

### **1. Please Remember ...**

If you feel sick or your temperature is elevated, or you are experiencing any possible COVID-19 symptoms, you are asked to not enter the Cathedral. (*remember that you are not obligated to participate in Sunday Mass if you are ill or if you feel sick*). Maintain physical distancing and avoid touching your face or other persons at the Sign of Peace.

### **2. Upon Entering the Cathedral**

Before entering the church, please use the hand sanitizers that are provided for you at the entrances to the Church. If requested, face masks are also available in the sacristy.

### **3. The Use of the Elevator**

Only one person (with an assistant if needed) is to use the elevator at one time.

### **4. Seating For Physical Distancing**

Please follow the guidance of the ushers/ministers of hospitality and sit only in the places that are designated in the pews to ensure physical distancing. (*Of course, this is not necessary for persons in the same household, who can sit together if they so wish*). The Choir Loft can also be used for seating.

If more seating space is necessary, chairs have been placed in the side Chapels for your use.

With the two meter physical distancing applied, our Cathedral can safely sit about 220-250 persons which is less than the 30% capacity rule.

**If needed, in the case of possible overflow of more than 30 % capacity in the Church, Father Marco will also celebrate Sunday Mass at the same time at 10:30 am in the Cathedral Auditorium so that space can be made available for everyone.**

## **5. Holy Communion**

Physical distancing is also to be observed when lining up for Holy Communion. Please observe the markings on the floor and receive Communion only on the hand. The Precious Blood will not be distributed for Communion until further notice.

## **6. There is no Congregational Singing during Mass**

Medical officers of health ask that persons in the congregation not sing during the Mass and so hymnals and songbooks will not be distributed to our people. Music and song will be provided by a limited number of musicians and cantors.

## **7. There are no Printed Bulletins**

It is also recommended that paper bulletins not be printed and distributed but that parishioners access the online weekly bulletins that are provided on Pour Parish Website.

## **8. There is no Collection taken up during Mass and no Offertory Procession**

To ensure personal health safety, the collection will be not taken up by our ushers and the Offertory procession with the gifts will not take place until further notice. Offertory Collection Boxes have been placed at all entrances to the Church. Please place your Sunday envelope or offering in one of these containers after Mass and before exiting the Church.

## **9. In the Sanctuary**

The processions to the altar will proceed from the Sacristy and return in the same way. Priests, Deacons and other Ministers in the Sanctuary will maintain social distancing at all times during Mass. The Ministers will not receive from the cup and the concelebrating priest will receive Communion by intinction only. The Main celebrant only will consume the Precious Blood. Before distributing Holy Communion priests and deacons must clean their hands with sanitizer. There will be no Eucharistic Ministers serving at this time.

## **10. Washrooms**

Parishioners are asked to use the washroom in the front lobby of the Church. The downstairs washrooms will be locked and not available for use. After use, please ensure that the surfaces are sanitized with the sanitizers provided in the washrooms for you.

### **11. Confessions on Saturdays**

To ensure physical distancing for the reception of this Sacrament, individual penitents are asked to use the confessionals temporarily set up in Our Lady's Chapel and in the Children's Chapel.

### **12. First Friday and First Saturday Masses**

Until further notice, only one Mass will be celebrated on the First Friday of each month at 9:00 am with no Exposition or Benediction with the Eucharist and the First Saturday Mass and Anointing of the Sick at 12:10 pm is also postponed until further notice.