



UPDATED Guidelines for Mass Attendance

(as of July 8, 2020)

As we continue to gather for Mass, please review the following UPDATED information—

Moving forward in our return to worshipping in our physical space, we will be implementing a few modifications to the current Mass attendance process. Based on direction from Bishop Pates regarding diocesan guidelines, advance sign-up for mass attendance is now in practice.

Advance registration offers benefits such as assuring that the mass you choose to attend is not over capacity, as well as providing easier check-in and accurate record keeping (note: registration lists will be destroyed after 14 days).

To register, visit the parish website at www.stpeteritasca.com. Please sign up for an available mass time and indicate the number of family members in your group. With a current capacity of 150 attendees, the sign-up will provide 130 slots, allowing 20 slots for those who are unable to sign-up online. **Anyone unable to register on-line is asked to call the Parish Center at 630-773-1272 (x200) to make their request.** If online sign-up is closed, seats may still be available for walk-ins the day/time of Mass.

For the safety of our parish community, the following precautions need to be observed at all times when attending Mass:

- Prior to coming to church, please take a moment to go through a health protocol self-checklist (fever, shortness of breath, cough); if you experience any symptoms, please stay home.
- Those most susceptible to contracting COVID-19 by virtue of age, medical condition or other vulnerability should not attend the in-person Mass.
- Weekend Masses are currently held on Saturday at 5:00 pm, and Sunday at 8:30 am and 11:00 am.
- Maximum seating capacity for the church at this time is 150.
- Please arrive to Mass early; the doors will open at 4:30 pm Saturday and 8:00 am and 10:30 am, respectively on Sunday; ministers will escort you to your seats.
- You must sanitize your hands upon entering the church. We will have sanitizers at the doorway.
- You must wear a mask or face covering upon entering and for the duration of your time inside.
- You must stay within the designated areas to adhere to the social distancing measures.
- Follow the 6-foot social distancing practice at ALL times.
- Please follow the guidance of the ministers present who will direct you, seat you, or answer questions.
- Between Masses our worship space will be sanitized and prepared for future use.
If you would like to join our cleaning crew, please sign-up on the website.
- There will not be worship aids or hymnals in the pews.
- There will be no handshake of peace.
- Follow directions of the usher to receive communion.
- Ushers will provide hand sanitizer upon exiting pews prior to receiving Communion.
- Communion will be distributed in the hand only; The Cup is discontinued indefinitely.
- After receiving Communion, step to the side, remove your mask and consume the precious host, then re-secure your mask before returning to your seat.
- After the final blessing and dismissal, you will be guided by an usher for departure.
- With regard to our weekly collection, there will be a collection basket in the narthex for you to deposit your offerings upon entering or exiting the church (*watch for online giving options coming soon*).
- If you are fearful or have any reluctance to return to Sunday observance at this time, you should not do so – the dispensation from the Sunday obligation remains in place indefinitely.

Please remember that this is an evolving process requiring patience and cooperation so that we may joyously continue our communal celebration of the Holy Mass. As things continue to change, please continue to monitor the parish website and email communications for updates or call the parish center with any questions or concerns.

Finally, should you find that you have tested positive for Covid-19 after having attended Mass or being on the parish campus, please contact Deacon Fred Maier at (ext 201) or Fr. Noesen (ext. 208). Rest assured that confidentiality and anonymity will be maintained for anyone reporting positive test results. However, it is critically important for everyone's well-being to be able to alert others whose attendance might coincide with someone testing positive.

PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT THE PARISH CENTER WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR TO GET CLARIFICATION

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