

## Returning to Mass during COVID-19 with St. John's Parish

### Before Mass

- Make a reservation to attend Mass for each member of your household via the St. John's parish website: <https://www.stjohns-creighton.org> Contact our liturgy team (Chase Becker, Molly Mattingly, Sara Schulte-Bukowinski, Vivian Amu) by phone or email if you need assistance with this process.
- Wash your hands thoroughly before leaving your home.
- Bring a small bottle of hand sanitizer with you to Mass to use before communion.
- Masks are required the entire time you are on the College of St. Mary campus for all adults and children over the age of 2. This mask must cover both your mouth and nose. Put your mask on before leaving your vehicle.
- Plan to arrive somewhat earlier than you normally would, at least 10 minutes prior to the start of Mass.
- Ushers will seat your household upon arrival to ensure social distancing.

### During Mass

- Wear your mask, covering both mouth and nose, throughout the entirety of the liturgy.
- The assembly is asked not to sing.
- We will not pass a collection basket, however a collection basket is available near the chapel entrance. Online giving is the safest way to share our resources.
- To minimize contact with surfaces, stand during the Eucharistic Prayer.
- The Sign of Peace is omitted. Do not hold hands during the Lord's prayer.

### At Communion

- During the *Lamb of God*, use the sanitizer you brought with you to sanitize your hands.
- Remain standing in your place. Communion will be brought to you.
- Receive communion on the hand.
- Leave your mask on while the Eucharist is placed in your hand. After the communion minister has moved on to the next person, remove your mask (touching only the ear loop), receive holy communion, and place your mask back on, covering both your mouth and nose. Avoid touching the outside of your mask.
- The Precious Blood will not be distributed during this time.

### After Mass

- Remain seated in your place.
- Ushers will dismiss each household individually, starting with seats nearest the entrance and moving towards the sanctuary.
- Do not linger or congregate after Mass. Return immediately to your vehicle.
- Keep your mask on until you are inside of your vehicle.

*These guidelines may feel too cautious for some, but we want to do our best to create the safest environment possible for those able to celebrate together. Thank you for your cooperation!*