



WE ARE GLAD TO BE TOGETHER AGAIN—UPDATED JUNE 19, 2020

We are thrilled to have Mass together again. For the health and safety of everyone, we are limited to the number of people who can attend, and still maintain the proper social distancing guidelines. Mass will be at our normal schedule:

Saturday, 4:00 PM

Sunday, 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, and 11:00 AM

What You Need To Know:

WHO SHOULD COME: The dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation will continue for the foreseeable future. Cardinal Seán and Bishop Mark strongly encourage people in vulnerable populations, especially the elderly, those with complicating physical conditions, and those who live with someone who falls in these groups, to continue to watch Mass from their homes. We will continue to livestream the Masses and the 4:00 PM Mass will be recorded, both on our website and Facebook page.

HOW TO ATTEND: Please arrive 10-15 minutes before Mass starts so our volunteer Greeters can assist you with finding a seat. Once the church reaches capacity we will seat parishioners in the hall. If you would prefer to sit in the hall (it will be air conditioned) please let a greet know.

OPTIONS ON WHERE TO SIT: Every other pew is taped off to maintain the proper distance. Pews with the “Welcome Home” are available to sit. There are blue taped crisscrossed areas on the pew that we ask you not to sit. Various open areas of each row can sit a single person or up to five people in one family. **Please allow our Greeters to assist you in finding your seating area, as each row has a different area taped off to allow for a certain number of people.**

The Cry Room will be open for one family with small children, per Mass.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU COME: Everyone who attends Mass is required to wear a mask. The exceptions are: for medical reasons, a child under the age of two should not wear a mask; and, for children between the ages of two and five, parents can judge whether they should wear a mask. You must maintain social distancing of a minimum of six feet. If you can, please bring your own sanitizer. We will have a limited supply available

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU COME TO MASS: We anticipate seating everyone will take time so please plan to arrive 10-15 minutes before your Mass time. You will enter the church through the front doors only. Greeters will be there to help you with finding a seat or offer assistance. Please be aware of others entering the church at the same time and remember to maintain the six feet social distance.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS TO BE AWARE OF: The holy water fonts will be empty; there can be no congregational singing (only the cantor/music director will sing), so please refrain from singing; please, no holding of hands during the Our Father; and, there will be no sign of the peace.

TO FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE READINGS: All hymnals and missalettes have been removed from the church. If you would like to follow the readings you can do so on your phone by going to: www.usccb.org and go to Daily Readings (or click on date on calendar). Also, below are a list of apps that display the daily readings.

OFFERTORY: There will be no passing of the basket for the offertory. Instead baskets will be located at the exits if you would like to make an offertory when you leave. You can also make an offertory donation through our Online Giving program. <https://osvonlinegiving.com/2996>

HOLY COMMUNION: The presider and/or Eucharistic Minister will distribute Holy Communion at the front. This must be done with full social distancing in mind. As you leave your pew and enter the aisle the floor is marked to help with social distancing. Please remember to keep six feet both from the person in front of you and the person on the other side of the aisle. The blue marks on the floor are staggered to achieve this. When you reach the front there are 5 spots on each side marked by tape. Stand on a spot and the priest or Eucharistic Minister will come to you there. As usual, keep your mask on, receive in your hand, and after we have left your spot consume the Eucharist and put your mask back on. Communicants can only receive the consecrated Host in their hand. Please do not wear gloves. There will be no distribution of the Precious Blood. Please do not feel obligated to receive Communion if you are not comfortable yet and feel the risk is too high. You can still come to the front during Communion for a blessing. Place your arms across your chest to indicate you would like a blessing.

WHEN MASS HAS ENDED: You will exit the church using only the two side doors. You will be instructed by a Greeter when to leave your pew and what door to exit. It would be helpful to sit on the side of the church where your car is parked. If you are seated on the opposite side of where you would like to exit, please just tell the Greeter. We ask that you proceed directly to your car. There can be no social gatherings either before or after Mass

This information is also located on the **Welcome Home** page on our website. We look forward to seeing you soon. If you have any questions you can call the Parish Office or email Teri at: info@sttheresanreading.org

Apps you can use to bring the Daily Readings with you to Mass:



Laudate
(Free) [Apple](#) | [Android](#)

Lots of extras
*Cell service needed.



iBrevary (Free) [Apple](#) | [Android](#)

Lots of extras
*Content can be loaded beforehand



Daily Readings
(Free) [Apple](#) | [Android](#)

Easy to use
*Content accessible off-line



Daily Readings for Catholics (Free)
[Apple](#) The Missal for a Catholic Mass

Basic and easiest to use.
*Content accessible offline



Volunteer Support Needed At All The Masses

We are following strict guidelines to safely welcome back parishioners and we need your help.

We are looking for a team of Greeters at each Mass to welcome visitors, direct them to seats, and ensure all safety precautions are adhered to.

We also need teams to stay after the Mass to help clean down surfaces. These can be the same people who are greeting as well. We anticipate this will only take about 20 minutes.

Many parishioners are still watching our live stream Masses from home. We need volunteers to run the camera. It is a user-friendly app run on an iPad. You can easily sit in your pew and run the camera. Training is provided.

We are requesting all volunteers to be under the age of 65

Thank you for your consideration. If you can volunteer, please contact Mary Ann at:
mthomas@sttheresanreading.org