



NEW CHANGES—A QUICK LOOK—UPDATED JUNE 19, 2020

The following are changes made to the Mass guidelines. If you have not read the Mass guidelines, please do so. If you have already read the complete Mass guidelines, the following are changes made to attending Mass and receiving Communion.

What You Need To Know:

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 (NO CHANGES, BUT A GOOD REMINDER): 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

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.

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.