



St. Augustine Catholic Church
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Casselberry, Florida

GUIDELINES FOR RETURNING TO CHURCH

We all long for the day when we can gather as a full parish family, hug our friends, and praise the Lord together, but until that time comes, let's continue to act out of love and charity towards each other, and all do our part to keep our parish community as safe and healthy as possible.

Please be patient and courteous as we are following all guidelines that have been set in place for both daily and Sunday Masses. We may make adjustments to these guidelines after a few days once we see how it is working.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Attendance at Masses will be restricted to adhere to the public health orders.
- If you are sick or are experiencing any symptoms of sickness, please stay at home.
- **Those at high-risk or with pre-existing conditions are highly encouraged to stay at home during this phase of re-opening.** Remember, no one is required to attend Mass.
- The dispensation from Sunday Mass is still in effect until further notice.
- Even with the best health practices and increased efforts to clean the Church, there is a risk of infection anytime a person enters a public space.
- Please know we will continue broadcasting our Sunday Mass via Facebook and YouTube.
- For now, Masses will be limited to 25% capacity. Seating is limited and will be first come, first serve.
- Chapel is closed until further notice.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE HOME

- Wash and sanitize your hands.
- Please bring a face covering, such as a mask, scarf or bandana that can fit over your nose and mouth. Older children will need one as well.
- We encourage you to bring a personal bottle of hand sanitizer to use before coming forward for communion.

ARRIVING AT CHURCH

- Please arrive at Church no more than 30 minutes prior to Mass.
- Line up directly in front of the Church entrance practicing social distancing and with your mask on.
- Each household will be directed by members of the staff to enter the building through the main doors in the middle. No other doors will be used for entering the Church.
- Seating is limited; once we have reached our maximum occupancy the doors will be closed.

INSIDE THE CHURCH

- Once inside, please sanitize your hands.
- There are to be NO gatherings in the Narthex.
- As you enter the Church you will be able to place your weekly offertory envelope or donation in a basket in the Narthex. We strongly encourage online giving on our website: staugch.org/online-giving.
- We have identified the pews available for use and installed blue tape marking 6 foot increments to help you gauge for social distancing. Households may sit together keeping 6 feet distance from the next people in the pew.
- You will be directed to an available pew by an usher or staff. Please be mindful that you are not going to be able to pick "your pew" and you may be seated in an area other than where you "always sit."

DURING MASS – Liturgical Changes

OFFERTORY:

- There will be no procession with the gifts.
- Collection baskets will not be passed during the offertory. You will be able to place your offertory envelope or donation in a basket in the Narthex as you enter or exit the Church.
We appreciate how faithfully you have supported our Church community.

OUR FATHER PRAYER:

- We will pray the Our Father without joining hands.

SIGN OF PEACE:

- There will be no shaking hands during the sign of peace. It will be appropriate to offer a reverent bow and or a verbal greeting, "Peace be with you."

COMMUNION:

- There will be no distribution of the Blood of Christ, ONLY the Body of Christ.
- Communion will only be given on the hand.
- For those wearing mask and gloves, please do the following:
 - 1st: lower your masks
 - 2nd: remove your gloves
 - 3rd: use your personal hand sanitizer before Communion
- Parishioners will be instructed to come forward for the reception of Holy Communion by section. Please wait on your pews and follow the instructions of the priest.
- We have installed on the floor red tape marking 6 foot increments to help you during the communion line.

MASS DEPARTURE

- After the final blessing, parishioners must remain in their pew.
- After the clergy have processed out of the sanctuary, ushers will begin to direct the pews by section from back to front to immediately exit the sanctuary and the building.
- Private prayer in the church and gatherings in the Narthex are not permitted after Masses in order to allow the STAFF to clean and disinfect the church for the next Mass.
- We ask you to not linger to visit with friends, but rather head directly to your vehicle.
- Our weekly bulletin will continue to be provided online on our parish website. Printed bulletins will not be available at this time.

CHURCH CLEANING PROCEDURES

- The staff will continue to implement cleanliness and sanitation practices, including pews in between every Mass.
- Disinfecting bathrooms, door handles and other frequently touches surfaces will occur throughout the day.

Let's keep our trust in the Lord, to see this through until we can gather again in full. We are grateful for your continued support, patience, understanding, and prayers during this most challenging time.

May God bless us all!

Fr. Tomas and Staff