

Sunday Masses at Saint Rose

Public Sunday Liturgies will begin on Pentecost, May 30-31, and will be held in the GYM to accommodate more people. Mass times will be at our “normal” times of Saturday at 5 pm, and Sunday at 8 am, 10 am, Noon, and 5 pm. You may enter the gym through door B of the school. Please arrive early; this will allow for the ushers to assist with your seating and accommodate as many parishioners as possible, while still social distancing and keeping everyone safe, which is a priority for both Bishop Thomas and Parish leadership. Please allow four seats to remain empty between each household. After Mass, please remain seated as the ushers will dismiss you from back to front to maintain social distancing.

Daily Mass at Saint Rose

Daily public Mass at Saint Rose will begin on Memorial Day, May 25th at 9:15 am, this Mass will be live-streamed. There will be no 7 am Mass on Memorial Day. Following Memorial Day, daily Mass will be prayed Monday through Friday at 7 am, and 9:15 am in the church. The 9:15 am Mass will continue to be live-streamed. Due to social distancing requirements, St Rose church is limited to 80 people in the main body of the church. Every second pew will be available to sit, maintaining 6 feet of social distancing

What is a limited public Mass?

Mass at Saint Rose will be conducted in cooperation with the “Stay Safe Ohio” order, which limits the number of those in attendance due to the capacity needed to create a safe environment. Saint Rose can allow up to 80 people to attend daily Masses in the church and at least 200 people at each weekend Mass in the gym depending on household sizes. Everyone will be seated in a way to accommodate as many parishioners as possible while maintaining social distancing.

Will I be turned away if there is not enough seating?

At this time, based on the experiences of other parishes in other states that have reopened, we do not anticipate having to turn people away if Mass is held in the gym. However, it remains a possibility at some of the more heavily attended Masses on Sunday morning. If Saint Rose is unable to safely accommodate any more people in the gym and maintain social distancing, adjustments will be made to the process to limit the possibility of someone experiencing this. Much more will be known after the first few weeks of public Masses. We ask for your patience and understanding as this process unfolds. If someone experiences the unfortunate circumstance of being unable to attend Sunday Mass due to restrictions on crowd size, we encourage that person to take advantage of daily Masses to receive the Holy Eucharist. Catholics who are unable to attend Mass in person should continue to keep the Sabbath holy with intentional time in prayer. This may include watching a live-streamed Mass and making a spiritual communion.

Do I have to attend Mass?

The faithful of the Diocese of Toledo continue to be dispensed from their Sunday obligation until further notice. Understanding the desire of so many of the faithful to return to our churches, it remains important for those who are at greater risk (the elderly, sick, those with pre-existing conditions) to refrain and be encouraged to refrain from returning to public liturgies until they feel comfortable and confident to do so.

What changes can I expect?

Social distancing will be practiced at all public Masses. Parishioners should follow the guidance of any usher or posted sign and can expect some seating to be cordoned off to permit proper distancing. Families who live together can sit together but should be spaced more than six feet away from other families. Face masks are highly encouraged for the congregation (except for children two and under), and parishioners are encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer and/or sanitizing wipes. Social gatherings before or after Mass on the church campus are discouraged. For example, no receptions, coffee, and doughnuts, etc.

There will also be temporary liturgical changes like those implemented during the early stages of this pandemic, always maintaining reverence fitting for the Sacred Liturgy. These changes include the following:

- The offertory procession is suspended, and the collection baskets will not be passed. Offerings can be placed in a container as you enter. Bread and wine for Mass will be kept apart from public areas and brought forward at the appropriate time only from the credence table.
- The Sign of Peace continues to be suspended. The faithful should recall that there is to be no physical contact (handholding) during the Lord's Prayer, a gesture that is not prescribed in the Roman Missal.
- The distribution of the Precious Blood from the chalice continues to be suspended.
- For those receiving Holy Communion, please follow the instructions of your pastor for lining up and receiving in a safe manner. You should strongly consider receiving Holy Communion on the hand during this time of contagion.

Are you in need of volunteers?

Yes, please volunteer to help sanitize after each Mass. If you can commit to helping weekly after a regular Mass time, [please sign-up here](#).

How else can I help?

With expectant hope, we look forward to the day when we can all gather as the family of God in our parishes and praise the Lord in Eucharistic worship. Until that time, however, we kindly ask that you cooperate with these guidelines out of love and respect for others, keeping our communities safe and healthy. Please be patient as we do our best to reopen parish life.