

Sunday Masses at Saint Rose

Sunday Masses will no longer be held in the school gym beginning August 1, 2020. All Masses will be publicly celebrated in the church! We will continue to have pews sectioned off to maintain safe social distancing. We will also continue to live-stream Mass for those who would like to participate from their home. If we find that overflow seating is needed for one of our Sunday morning Masses, parishioners will be invited to the Sacred Heart Center (the school cafeteria) where the Mass will be live-streamed.

Daily Mass at Saint Rose

Daily Mass is prayed Monday through Friday at 7 am and at 9:15 am in the church. The 9:15 am Mass will continue to be live-streamed.

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 at Mass?

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 coverings are now required while gathering on the Saint Rose campus** (except for young children), 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.