

REOPENING PROTOCOL

Mass Schedule

The Mass Schedule will remain the same: Saturday at 4:00pm and Sunday at 9:00am and 10:45am.

What You Must Bring

1. A sense of humor and patience.
2. A face mask. We cannot supply face masks for all people every week. No one will be permitted to enter the building without one. Use the same face mask types that you do to go to the supermarket.

Entering the Building and Seating

1. Entrance will be through the front doors of the building only. No entering from behind the music area.
2. As you will see later, we will all sanitize when we enter the church. Thus, there will be a short wait as we all do so.
3. As you might wait for a short time to enter please space yourselves per the six (6) foot rule.
4. You will have to pass by one of our Ushers or Extraordinary Ministers. Please respect them and follow instructions.
5. There is no Holy Water in the fonts.
6. **You will seat yourself in designated pews.** Again, respect the spacing between you and the other persons in the pew. Families with children six and under may be seated together with the children between the parents with no distancing between child and parent.

Cry Room Use

1. The Cry Room is meant to be a place where you discipline your child to participate in the Liturgy. That is, he or she is shown how to do the parts of the Mass such as responses and to give explanation as to what is happening. Also, you teach the child etiquette. IT IS NOT A PLAYROOM, PLEASE.
2. There is space for only up to **six** children in the room with adult supervision. They must be separated by family and distanced.
3. Please NO food in the cry room except for feeding a baby its milk or water. There is concern snacks might become contaminated.

Sanitation

When you enter the foyer your hands will be sanitized with Isopropyl hand sanitizer. This will be sprayed on your hands front and back by a greeter. Please note that this is not an option just as wearing a face mask is not.

(If you wish to use your own sanitizer YOU MUST USE IT IN FRONT OF THE GREETER. This is to be sure everyone has done so.)

Collection of Tithes

As you pass through the interior doors to the main sanctuary you will place your tithe in the basket. Baskets will not be passed through the pews.

Communion Procession

1. The Eucharist will be distributed in the center aisle ONLY.
2. All people will pass through the pew he or she is in toward the center aisle.
3. The Host will be received in the palm of the hand ONLY. There will be no cup.

4. All will return to the pew from the farthest point, passing through the pew until he or she reaches his original seat. All should remain in line without going ahead of another person in sequence.

Worship Aids

The Worship Aids (books) have been removed from the pews. The music program will be designed to make singing without the books possible.

Leaving at the End of the Liturgy

1. The Presider and ministers of the Liturgy recess out first. The Presider will meet people in the foyer. (Guest Presiders may decline to meet anyone after the Liturgy if he feels it to be better for his health.) At this point the Presider will wear a mask as well.
2. The people will exit the sanctuary ONE row at a time.
3. Exiting will begin with the last pew and then each other pew until the final pew to leave will be the pew closest to the altar.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions will be heard in the Chapel. They will not be heard in the Reconciliation Room as there is not sufficient space for distancing. Anyone waiting to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation must wait outside the chapel until it is his or her turn. The priest will be in the chapel and you may be seated at a proper distance.

Store of Inspiration

When the store reopens people will be required to wear a mask just as when going to the supermarket.

Conclusion

Once again, bring a sense of humor with you. The great moment will be when we all receive the Blessed Sacrament itself.

This protocol was developed by a Special Taskforce made of members of the parish who are experts in the medical field. The Archdiocese of Miami also put out recommendations that were followed. And, all is in conformity with government guidelines. As I informed you before the churches were shuttered this parish has always been kept clean and sanitized. Please do your very best to follow all proper hygiene practices so that we all may be safe.

These protocols may change according to changing circumstances.

May the Lord give us His protection as we remain faithful to Him.