

The Church of Saint John the Baptist

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DIRECTIVES FOR PUBLIC MASSES IN CHURCH

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2020: SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

On Saturday, June 13, 2020, we will live-stream our 5:15pm Vigil Mass in the Ordinary Form as we have done for the past several weeks. The link will be posted on our website. A public Mass will not be offered on June 13.

On Sunday, June 14, 2020 we will offer 2 Public Masses in Church: a 10:00am Ordinary Form and a 12:30pm Extraordinary Form. Both Masses will have limited attendance.

The following directives will be followed:

- The dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation granted by Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M. remains in effect until Monday, September 7, 2020, unless otherwise announced.
- Those who are frightened, those with a COVID 19 diagnosis or symptoms, those who may be asymptomatic carriers, those not feeling well, those with underlying health conditions or those in a high risk category should avoid public gatherings.
- Attendance for both Public Masses in Church on Sunday, June 14, 2020 will be limited, in order to comply with a one-third occupancy requirement.
- Please use only the front main doors to the Church for entry. The elevator will be available for those not able to use the front main doors. The front doors will open 30 minutes prior to the beginning of Mass, and the number of attendees will be monitored. When the maximum occupancy has been reached or at the start of the Mass (whichever comes first), the front doors will be closed and a yellow and white Vatican flag will be placed in front of the Church, to signal those entering the driveway that capacity has been reached and/or Mass has begun and no further entry is possible.
- Masks must be worn by the faithful at all Masses and social distancing (6 feet) between groups of people not from the same household must be maintained. Ushers will be present to assist.
- The bathrooms in the Church Hall will be open for use as they will be regularly monitored and appropriately sanitized.
- All missals, hymnals and printed materials have been removed from the Church. Holy water fonts will remain empty until further notice.
- The cantors will remain in the choir loft during the Mass and will practice social distancing.
- The presentation of the offertory gifts, the sign of peace and reception of the Precious Blood by the congregation are suspended.
- Social distancing between Communicants (not from the same household) in line and at the altar rail is required.
- The Church will be sanitized prior to and after each Mass, using approved methods and under the direction of the Parish Facility Manager.

TEMPORARY WEEKDAY PUBLIC MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday public Masses will begin on Monday, June 15, 2020 in the Church, and will follow the schedule below for the remainder of the month of June 2020:

Monday: 7:00pm Mass (Ordinary Form) Wednesday: 8:00am Mass (Ordinary Form)

Friday: 8:00am Mass (Low Mass in the Extraordinary Form)

- Weekday Public Masses will not yet be offered on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday. Please note that all previously scheduled 2020 Mass intentions will be offered, whether in public or in private Masses.
- All of the directives noted for the Sunday Masses will be followed, and attendance is limited to 50. The Church will be sanitized prior to and after each Mass.
- This temporary reduced weekday Public Mass schedule is needed both to provide opportunities for Memorial Masses for all those who died during the pandemic and were buried without a Funeral Mass and to allow sufficient time for essential Church and Church Hall sanitizing and maintenance.

Please continue to check our website (StJohnRomanCatholic.org) regularly for the latest information and updates.

God bless you, Rev. Michael Wallack, Pastor