

## Saint Joseph Parish, Mountain View - Protocols for INDOOR MASSES

Now that we are once again celebrating Masses inside our church, it is important to follow Social Distancing Protocols and other restrictions established by the Santa Clara County Health Department and by the Diocese of San Jose.

Reservations are **ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY**. Please reserve your place for week-end Masses [<HERE>](#) (before 10pm on Fridays).

The maximum number of people allowed at each Mass is 80.

The mass schedule is as follows:

- ❖ Monday through Saturday: 2:00 pm, followed by Holy Hour until 3:30 pm.
- ❖ *Saturday: 5:30 pm (English) and 7:00 pm (Spanish) – These remain as Outdoor Masses*
- ❖ Sunday (English): 7:00 am, 8:30 am, **10:00 am** \*\* and 11:30 am. Mass in Spanish **1:00 pm** \*\*

\*\* These two masses will be live streamed (please subscribe to our [YouTube channel](#))

### **Protocols for masses inside the church:**

- If you are sick or feeling unwell, have symptoms or have been in contact with someone sick with Covid, or if you are in the group of vulnerable people, please stay home and join the live stream Mass via our [YouTube channel](#).
- Use the restroom at home before coming to church (the restrooms at church remain closed).
- Face masks continue to be a requirement and we must have them ON at ALL times, and they must cover mouth and nose. We cannot allow entry to people who do not have their mask on.
- You are welcome to bring your personal hand sanitizer, however hand sanitizer is available in the church.
- Please arrive 10 to 15 minutes before Mass begins, so that you have enough time to register, get your temperature taken, and your seat assigned.
- Entrance to the church is ONLY through the main doors facing Hope Street or through the elevator, if you were to park your vehicle in the private parking lot at 599 Castro. (Please DO NOT use the ramp to enter or exit the parking lot, this is NOT for pedestrian use).
- Use hand sanitizer before entering the elevator.
- Please be patient as only four (4) people are allowed in the elevator to ensure social distancing.
- Six feet is the minimum distance required between individuals or family groups. Avoid physical contact between groups.
- There will be volunteers in the church to help us ensure that protocols are being followed, that way we are taking care of each other responsibly.

### **During Mass:**

- Please remain in your assigned seat (children must remain with their parents at all times).
- During the Sign of Peace avoid physical contact with people who are not from your family group.
- At Communion time, keep your mask ON and walk in line staying six feet away from other parishioners. (At the moment we ask parishioners not receiving the Eucharist not to approach the priest).
- Disinfect your hands before receiving the Holy Eucharist.
- The Eucharist will only be given in the hands. As you receive it (with your mask on) extend your arms making sure to keep the distance between you and the priest. Step away from the priest, remove your mask, consume the Blessed Sacrament, and re-position your mask before returning to your seat.

### **After Mass:**

- At the conclusion of Mass, please exit the church through the **side doors** (Church Street or Plaza) or via the elevator, to return to the parking lot.
- We would like to remind you that gatherings inside the church or at the Plaza are still not permitted.

If you would like to see a video-message from our Pastor, Father Engel Gammad, on the return to indoor masses please click [<here>](#)

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