

Dear Friends,

This weekend on July 12 at 10AM, we will have our first public Sunday Mass since March! I am very excited and pleased that we are at this point and can begin to have public celebrations again.

At this time, attendance is limited to 50 worshippers, all of whom must register beforehand. On Thursday July 9, an email was sent with the sign up link. To receive parish emails, go to [www.stvdep.org](http://www.stvdep.org) and subscribe to our newsletter.

### **GENERAL EXPECTATIONS**

- Please try to arrive early so you can be seated.
- We will be livestreaming the Mass, so there will be two cameras and additional lighting.
- Masks or facial coverings must be worn at all times, and social distancing measures will be enforced and remain in effect. Children under 2 years of age do not need to wear a mask.
- Take your temperature at home that morning. If you are sick in any way, or exhibit symptoms, you may not be allowed to enter. Please stay at home if you are vulnerable or not feeling well; you enter this public space at your own risk.
- If you are diagnosed with COVID-19 within 14 days of attending Mass, please contact Fr. Jeremy at 773-325-4155. Your identity will be protected, but the other people in attendance will be informed.

### **WHEN YOU ENTER**

- The only entrance and exit that will be open is the Webster Street entrance.
- You will be welcomed by some ushers/greeters. They will ask your name to check you in, in case it is later determined that someone who was present later was diagnosed with COVID-19. These records of attendance are destroyed after 14 days.
- The greeter will ask you to sanitize your hands before leading you to a seat.
- Seats in the pews are clearly marked. Markings on the floor indicate six-foot intervals. All people entering will move up the center aisle.
- At this time, candles are not available. You must stay in your assigned seat and not move around the church.

### **DURING MASS**

- There will not be any worship aids. You can bring your own missal if you have one, or download the readings and prayers on your phone. Some examples are [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org), iBreviary app or Universalis app or website.
- There will not be any congregational singing. Most of the Mass parts (Gloria, Lamb of God, etc.) will be recited.
- There will not be an offertory collection. You can leave a donation in a collection box when you leave the church after Mass or donate online or via Zelle.

## **COMMUNION**

- Leave your seat only when directed by an usher or greeter.
- Maintain six feet social distancing in the Communion line – look for marks on the floor.
- When 12 feet or two people away from the priest, sanitize your hands using the sanitizer from the usher. After sanitizing do not touch your face or any surfaces.
- Approach the priest only after you are called forward. DO NOT remove your face covering.
- Extend a single hand to receive the Host.
- After moving six feet to the right or left, remove your mask and consume the Host.
- Replace your face covering or mask.
- Go back to your pew using the side aisle.

## **EXITING CHURCH**

- Please take everything with you.
- Do not leave until a greeter invites you to leave. We will dismiss people beginning from the back of the church to the front.
- Please do not congregate in the back of the church or outside the church door.

We have a great set of volunteers who are helping to greet and clean. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please email me at [jdixon20@depaul.edu](mailto:jdixon20@depaul.edu). Again, I ask for your patience as we begin to celebrate together again. I know that it may feel different than what we are used to, but I think we will adapt well. I am also open to any suggestions you may have to make it work better.

Each subsequent Sunday we will increase the parishioner limit as we are able. Our capacity limit will cap at 150 people. Once we have reached this and the need arises, we will add an additional Mass to the schedule.

For those who cannot attend, the mass will continue to be streamed on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/saintvincentdepaulparishchicago](https://www.facebook.com/saintvincentdepaulparishchicago)). You do not need to have a Facebook account to watch the mass.

I look forward to seeing some of you very soon! God bless.

Father Jeremy