

CHURCH REOPENING UPDATES

We received updated guidelines from the archdiocese, which are effective with the start of Restore Illinois Phase 5 beginning June 11. After review, we will implement these new guidelines beginning this weekend, **JUNE 12-13**. For those who cannot attend in person, the Mass will still be livestreamed on Facebook.

Capacity

- All capacity restrictions are lifted.
- Masses, liturgies, sacramental celebrations and all offices may resume 100% capacity.
- **HOWEVER**, for the short term, we will keep every other pew roped off until our mass attendance requires more space.

Physical Distancing

- Physical distancing is **NOT** required for vaccinated persons.
- Physical distancing **is recommended** by public health authorities, when possible, for unvaccinated persons if conditions allow up to 6 ft. of separation.

Masks

- Masks are **OPTIONAL** for vaccinated persons.
- Masks **are recommended** by public health authorities for unvaccinated persons indoors, particularly in crowded venues.

Hand Sanitizing

- Hand sanitizer will remain available if you would like to use it.

Masses and Liturgies

- Registration is no longer required.
- The Sheffield Avenue doors will now be open to enter the church, as well as the Webster Street doors.
- Proof of vaccination is not required for attendance at any liturgies or services.
- Holy Water fonts may be filled and used.
- Choirs and congregational signing may be fully resumed. Hymnals will return to the pews.
- The Sign of Peace may be restored. Please be sensitive and respectful to the limits and comfort of each other in exchanging the Sign of Peace.
- Reception of Holy Communion:
 - Extra hand sanitizing before receiving Communion is no longer required.
 - The greeters will still dismiss rows so that we proceed in an orderly fashion.

Reporting COVID-related Illnesses

We continue to encourage you to report if you become COVID-positive and if you attended a Mass or liturgy within three days of diagnosis.

In the event that anything changes per the State of Illinois, City of Chicago or public health departments, we will communicate immediately.

Again, we thank everyone for your patience and commitment to serving the people of God, our communities and one another amidst year-long protocols and guidelines. I would especially like to thank all of our many volunteers who made our liturgies as smooth as possible. As we continue to reopen and resume our pre-pandemic activities, let us do so with a renewed commitment to love and serve our neighbors.

Let us continue to pray for an end to the pandemic globally and the grace to move forward in solidarity and charity with our sisters and brothers around the world, down the street and next door in a renewed way.