

## St Joseph Reopening Plan

1. St Joseph Church will reopen to Public Masses on Saturday, May 16, 2020. Only one entrance to the church will be opened. Parishioners will enter and fill the available pews starting with the pew farthest from the church entrance to the nearest. When the 25 maximum available seats (25% of capacity) in the church are filled, the parishioners will be directed to the parish hall which will be arranged to accommodate 6 ft spacing for 15 more. When those are filled, no more parishioners can be allowed to enter.
2. Seating will be 2 per pew with every other pew vacant to accommodate 6 ft spacing. Family households may sit together in available pews without 6 ft spacing, but 6 ft spacing will be maintained between the family and other parishioners.
3. Before and after Mass, parishioners will not be allowed to assemble or socialize outside/inside of the church.
4. A collection basket will be at the entrance to the church for the parishioners to drop their offering before or after Mass.
5. Priest and parishioners are encouraged to wear masks while in attendance. Parishioners are encouraged to provide their own masks.
6. Hand sanitizer will be provided at the entrance to the church.
7. Communion will be distributed by the priest coming to each occupied pew with the person sitting closest to the aisle stepping out and back to allow the other person on the pew to receive communion first and then they receive communion. Keep in mind that 6 ft spacing must be maintained. The priest will then take communion to the parishioners at their places in the parish hall. If anyone was not allowed to enter the church due to maximum occupancy being reached and they remain in their car in the parking lot, the priest will take communion to them in their cars.
8. After Mass, 6 ft spacing must be maintained while exiting the church. The parishioners in the hall will be allowed to exit first starting with the person closest to the door coming into the church and work to the one farthest from the door. Then the parishioners in the church will exit starting with those closest to the church exit and working to those farthest from the exit.
9. As this plan is patiently put into action, further changes or modifications may be made as necessary to improve the flow of people while adhering to the 6 ft spacing requirement.
10. The Thursday Daily Mass will begin again on Thursday May 21, 2020.