

Guidelines for CCLC Indoor Masses

Entering/Exiting Churches

- At St. Vincent de Paul, the main “I” St. doors (east) will be the preferred entry/exit for the church. The ramp accessible door (north) will be also be used for entry/exit. The 17th St. door (south) will remain locked and can be used for exit from but not entry into the church. Signage should be posted.
- At St. Mary’s, the main 11th St. doors (east) will be the preferred entry/exit for the church. The north door will also be used for entry/exit.
- People should sanitize their hands after entering. Hand sanitizer will be available inside the door. Signage should be posted.
- Those congregants that feel they are in a compromised group or would like additional protection are encouraged to wear a mask. Masks will also be available if needed.
- All interior vestibule doors should be propped open
- Bulletins and any handouts will be available at each entry. These should not be hand distributed to the people entering.
- Collection baskets will be placed at each entry. After Mass begins, an usher should gather the collection and return the empty baskets before the end of Mass.
- People should exit as soon as Mass is over so that disinfecting may be completed

Seating

- Every other pew will be closed off to help facilitate proper social distancing. The side pews at St. Vincent will be used. 1-2 person families/companions should be encouraged to utilize these side pews to help maximize seating capacity.
- Congregants should exercise proper social distancing as they select their seats in the available pews.
- An usher should be stationed at all entrances to assist as needed.

Liturgy

- Handouts of songs, readings, and prayers will be provided as needed to replace hymnals. Congregants should take these home when Mass is over.
- The choir loft will be used by only the organist and the cantor (when required)
- Sacristan, servers, and lectors will be utilized for Masses as required.
- Holy Communion will be brought to the congregation, so people should remain in their pews. Those distributing Holy Communion will utilize the empty pews between the congregants for the distribution of Holy Communion. Also, those distributing Holy Communion should be wearing a mask.

- Masses will be livestreamed to the CCLC Facebook page as much as possible until further notice.

General Information

- All exterior door handles should be disinfected before the next Mass. This includes the exterior sacristy door.
- All interior door handles that are used during services should also be disinfected before the next Mass. This includes vestibule doors, storage rooms, cabinets, interior sacristy doors
- The microphones at the ambo and cantor's lectern should also be disinfected
- People aged 65 years and older and those with underlying medical conditions are encouraged not to attend services since they are at a greater risk.
- Parishioners should be reminded not to attend any service if they are feeling sick especially if they have flu-like symptoms or if they have recently come into contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19.