

Our Lady of Lourdes is now open for Sunday Mass. Our weekend schedule is:

Saturday	4:00pm – 4:45pm 5:00pm	CONFESSIONS MASS
Sunday	8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 12:30pm	MASS MASS MASS MASS

As of now, we will NOT have Mass at 6:00pm on Sunday.

There are some GUIDELINES that we need to follow.

1. Seating capacity is limited to 25% of the building's seating capacity. We will be opening the All-Purpose Room as well. Pews will be "roped off." We ask that people sit at the end of the row only. Families may sit together.

By sitting at the end of the aisle, we can easily maintain the 6 foot "social distancing."

2. Every person over the age of two (2) **MUST** wear a mask (unless the individual has breathing issues). Any homemade mask is fine, just as long as the mask or scarf covers the nose and mouth. There is no need to wear gloves. The Center for Disease Control recommends gloves only when cleaning and when caring for the sick.
3. There will no hymnals or missalettes for the near future.
4. There will be NO holy water in the fonts but you can obtain holy water from the Holy Water dispenser/tank in the main vestibule.
5. There will be NO Sign of Peace.
6. There will be NO Offertory Procession with the gifts.
7. **HERE IS THE BIG CHANGE FOR THE NEAR FUTURE:**

Holy Communion will be distributed after Mass has ended!

This allows the priest and deacon to remove their outer vestments (lest anyone sneeze/cough, etc. on the vestment).

It will allow the priest and deacon to wear a mask during the distribution of Holy Communion. They will not wear a mask during the Mass itself.

It will allow the priest, deacon and Eucharistic Minister to sanitize their hands before the distribution of Holy Communion.

When you come to Mass, we will remind everyone of the needed procedures. Again, please wear a mask when you come.

- The **Dispensation** from the obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation Masses remains in effect for the Diocese of Rockville Centre until further notice. I would love for you to come to Mass but you are not obligated to come at this point.
- Those at higher risk from COVID-19 (i.e., the elderly or those who have underlying health conditions) should be encouraged to stay home. As circumstances allow, a visit from a priest (for Anointing), deacon or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion to bring them the Eucharist may be possible, observing the usual precautions (masks, social distance, etc., when offering Holy Communion). Again, I would love for you to come BUT we must all be prudent. I want everyone to be safe and healthy.
- Those who are not feeling well and anyone with a fever or a cough of any sort should not come to the church to attend Mass, for a visit or for any other ceremonies or purposes. Again, be prudent – for your sake and for the sake of others.
- The OLL Church Maintenance staff will regularly clean and disinfect commonly-touched surfaces in the church. This cleaning will be done between Masses.