

Immaculate Conception Church

What to Expect when Coming to Mass

Before You Leave Home to Come to Immaculate...

- Bishop Tobin has extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation Mass. Please **STAY HOME** if:
 - you are experiencing any symptoms of any sickness or illness or not feeling well in the slightest bit;
 - you do not feel comfortable or peaceful about coming to Mass;
 - your health and/or immune system is compromised in some way.
 - you've been in contact with someone who is sick in the last 14 days.
- Due to the limited capacity currently allowed in our church to protect everyone's safety, we are not able to accommodate all our parishioners every weekend. Therefore, you must "sign-up" for the Mass you plan to attend. Additionally, you may only attend weekend Mass **ONCE** every **TWO WEEKS** so that everyone has a chance to attend. Please "sign-up" by clicking on the **Mass Sign-Up** button on our website at www.iccatholicchurch.com or call the Parish Office at 942-1854. You must sign-up or make changes by 3:00 PM on the **FRIDAY** before the weekend Mass you plan to attend.
- Immaculate Conception will continue to broadcast Sunday Mass on our YouTube channel which you can access from our website.
- Please use your rest room at home before arriving at church because the church's rest rooms will be for emergencies **ONLY**.
- Wear a mask or cloth facial covering over your nose and mouth.
- Hymnals and missalettes will not be available. Please consider bringing your own worship aid to support your liturgical experience.
- Plan to **ARRIVE EARLY** because the entering procedures will take a few extra minutes.
- Please remember to practice **SOCIAL DISTANCING** of 6 feet at all times from non-family members outside and inside the church.

When Entering the Church...

- You must enter through one of the doors at the **MAIN** entrance of the church with your mask or facial covering in place. The side entrances will be locked

from the outside (however, you may exit at anytime from the inside by pushing on the door's push bar).

- At the two main entrances there will be volunteers who will check you in. If you have not signed-up, you will be permitted to attend Mass only if there is an open spot.
- Once you have checked in, please proceed inside where you will see a lock box and hand sanitizer stands. Please deposit your budget/offering into the secure box and then sanitize your hands. Holy water fonts will remain empty.
- Now proceed into the main body of the church. You will notice that every other pew has been roped off. Please choose a pew that is not roped off. Additionally, please maintain 6 feet between you and non-family members. It is very likely that you won't be able to sit in your usual seat. Please be flexible – thank you!
- If you need to receive a low-gluten host, please see the priest or deacon in the sacristy behind the main altar.
- No offertory collection, no offertory procession with the gifts, and no exchanging of the Sign of Peace.

When Leaving the Church...

- Holy Communion will be distributed at the **END OF MASS**.
- Instructions will be given by the priest for the reception of Holy Communion.
- Following the closing prayer, any announcements and the final blessing, the Eucharistic Ministers will come forward, sanitize their hands, receive a plate with consecrated hosts and proceed to one of the stations.
- When you exit your pew for Holy Communion, please make sure you take everything with you. After you receive Holy Communion, please do not return to your pew to pray. Instead, please immediately exit the church through the nearest exit to you and return to your car. This will be difficult since many would like to pray quietly or catch-up with fellow parishioners. But for the safety of all, you are asked to leave right away.
- Following Mass, our cleaning company will sanitize all surfaces and commonly touched areas in preparation for the next Mass.

Thank You for Your Patience and Cooperation!