

St. John the Evangelist Protocols for Celebrating the Liturgy amid Covid19

18 May 2020 -Please note these protocols are subject to change at any point

- ◆ The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass for all the faithful of the Diocese of Covington is extended until further notice.
- ◆ Anyone who has any health issues should NOT come to public Mass.
- ◆ 20 May, 2020, public celebration of the Sacraments will resume with these protocols:
- ◆ Parishioners are encouraged to wear face coverings and must maintain a six foot minimum separation at all times with anyone outside of members of own household.
- ◆ Every other pew will be blocked off.
- ◆ No more than four (4) persons per pew unless from same household.
- ◆ Center doors into main church will NOT be used – use only side doors.
- ◆ Anything touched to be sanitized after every Mass – procedure to be determined.
- ◆ If disposable worship aid is used – it MUST NOT be left in pew.
- ◆ Only one lector, no servers, no sacristan. Ushers to wear face coverings.
- ◆ There will be no singing by congregation at any mass.
- ◆ Instrumental music only, NO choir, only one cantor if used.
- ◆ Holy water fonts are not to be used and no procession; clergy enter exit sacristy.
- ◆ Ushers should wipe handles of collection baskets after use – use only two ushers.
- ◆ No offertory procession; collection brought up by usher and set by baptism font.
- ◆ No sign of peace.
- ◆ All who distribute Communion must wear face masks & sanitize hands before & after.
- ◆ No distribution of the Precious Blood.
- ◆ Note: deacon to use separate cup for Precious Blood.
- ◆ Exit pews by side aisles and return by center
- ◆ Maintain proper distance when going to and returning from Communion.
- ◆ Communion is to be received in the hand and standing.
- ◆ Only exception is if a person is holding a child or walking aid.
- ◆ If person receives on tongue, distributor must sanitize hands after each communicant.
- ◆ Volunteers to hold or prop exit doors open to reduce touching of handles.
- ◆ The priest and deacon will not greet the people after Mass.
- ◆ Exit strategy like communion in reverse – leave by side aisles – NO center aisle.
- ◆ Do not exit pew until all people from pew behind have exited pew.
- ◆ Only use side doors to leave main body of church.
- ◆ No stopping – go straight to parking lot

Until further notice, no gatherings after mass for any reason.