

Mass Guidelines

We are thrilled to welcome our St. Alphonsus Liguori family back to our physical campus! There are a few more rules since we last gathered together in one place, so we thank you for your understanding as we implement new safety practices and church capacity limitations required for the time being for us to hold public Masses again.

All guidelines are subject to change due to the tumultuous nature of these times; subscribe to our online newsletter The Loop at www.stalphonsus.net/newsletter and like our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/StAlphonsusChurch for all the latest updates.

Before Coming

- **If you feel unwell, develop a fever or any symptom of COVID-19, or are awaiting results for a COVID-19 test, please refrain from attending Mass.** Our online weekend Mass will be made available at the same time on our usual social media platforms.
- The elderly, those who are caring for the sick, and those who are immunocompromised are recommended to also refrain from attending Mass during this time.
- You must reserve seats for yourself and all attending with you through our website for any weekend Mass. Simply visit www.stalphonsus.net/reentry to get started. Print your confirmation email and bring it with you to Mass or have it displayed on your mobile device when you approach the doors. Cancel your reservation if plans change so that your spot may be given to someone else.
- Any Mass attendee over the age of three is strongly encouraged to wear a mask that covers the mouth and nose. If possible, please bring your own mask.

Arriving and Checking In

- When you arrive on campus, follow the directions of our parking ministers. Alert them if you have accessibility considerations.
- Put on your mask (if you choose to wear one) in the parking lot and keep it on until re-entering your vehicle at the very end of Mass.
- The main church doors will open 20 minutes before Mass. Plan to arrive early to allow for check-in times, and respect distance markers. Doors will be closed and no one admitted after Mass begins.
- Present your ticket (printed or displayed on a mobile phone) to the volunteers/staff.
- After entering, sanitize your hands at one of the stations before being guided to a pew by one of our host ministers.
- Please sit in the section of your pew NOT covered by tape, and remain in your pew for the duration of Mass. Children are asked to remain in the pew with their family at all points of the Mass. Note that kids programming is suspended at this time, and the crying room will not be available.
- Please do not socialize before, during, or after Mass, even in the parking lot. Maintain two metres (6 feet) of distance at all times from anyone who is not in your household.

During Mass

- The narthex bathroom will be closed before Mass begins to limit congestion. Though the bathroom will be open during Mass, consider having all attendees use the bathroom before coming to church.
- Offertory baskets will be available at the exits of the Church, should you like to make your worship offering through envelopes or cash. We highly encourage enrolling for online giving at this time. Visit www.stalphonsus.net/give to make an online donation or set up regular automatic giving.

For Communion

- Remain seated until you are directed by a host minister to join the Communion line. Communion reception will likely take longer than at a typical Mass; thank you for your patience.
- Maintain social distancing in the aisles as indicated by the markers. Wait until our host ministers indicate for you to approach the Communion minister to receive.
- When it is your turn, remove your mask and gloves. You may not receive wearing either.
- To receive Communion, all faithful are being asked to receive in the hand for the time being.
- Do NOT begin moving away from the Communion minister until you have consumed the host.
- After consuming the host, replace your mask immediately and then return directly to your pew.

Dismissal

- We will be conducting a staggered approach to exiting the church. After Mass is over, remain seated in your pew until a host minister releases you. Only exit through the door indicated by the host minister. Alert the host minister if you have accessibility/mobility concerns such as a wheelchair or stroller.

Thank you for your support and generosity throughout this pandemic. Your thoughtful words and prayers buoyed our staff and clergy along the way and helped us get to this point. May St. Alphonsus Liguori continue to watch over your health, hearts, and loved ones.