



St. Francis de Sales Church Re-opening Guidelines

On Sunday, May 31 we will begin a scaled re-opening of St. Francis de Sales Church for public worshiping. The Covid-19 crisis has certainly been disruptive to all and in so many different ways. While the crisis certainly is not behind us, we are at a time when we can begin to move forward with caution as we begin to open public venues. At St. Francis de Sales, we feel that with the proper precautions, we can invite those who are prepared and able to do so without risk the opportunity to attend public Mass.

In order to do this and provide safety to all, we have established the following guidelines. We expect full cooperation from those that attend public Mass and will continue to review these guidelines on a weekly basis.

Mass Schedule

For the initial re-opening of the church we will begin with 2 weekly Masses on different days. This is being done to ensure that proper church cleaning can be accommodated between church events without exposing individuals to risk in cleaning of the church.

The Mass schedule will be:

- Every **Sunday at 10:00 AM** beginning on May 31
- Every **Wednesday at 6:00 PM** beginning on June 3

Guidelines

The following guidelines will be in place as church re-opens:

- Entrance to the church will only be available from the east-side entrance to the church. The front doors will be closed and locked to the outside during Mass. We will monitor the side door to ensure safety for all before and during Mass.
- If you have a pre-existing health issue or feel ill, please do not come to church.
- There are NO age restrictions.
- You must be wearing a facemask to enter SFdS. It is expected that you will wear it throughout the mass.
- There will be no handshaking at entrance, opening of Mass, or sign of peace.
- We will not close restrooms off during Mass, but we ask that you use them wisely and clean-up behind yourself to ensure the safety of others.
- Social distancing will be practiced. Every other pew will be roped-off as unavailable. We ask that individuals allow 6 feet of distancing from other individuals, groups, or families. We understand that families or groups have been in contact with each other and will most likely sit together in church. Be mindful of groups and space 6 feet from them also.



- Distribution of communion
 - Communion will only be available in the form of the host
 - There will NOT be placement of the host on the tongue
 - Individuals will be wearing their mask and are expected to receive communion in their hands and return to their pew to place the host in their mouth

- After Mass, we ask that individuals exit the church promptly and not engage in conversation in church for now. We feel this will allow all individuals a clearer path to exit the church and avoid groups of individuals being in the aisle engaged in conversation. Conversation and social distancing can occur outside of church for individuals that choose to do so.