



COVID-19 GUIDELINES AND PROTOCOLS

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GENERAL CLEANING/HYGENIC PROTOCOLS

- Regular hand sanitizing should continue; and special attention given to sanitizing before any interaction within the liturgy (e.g. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, gift-bearers)
- Sanitizing stations should be readily available for all serving in the Sanctuary, as well as for the Faithful and at all Parish activities/events
- Ablution and sanitizing stations are to be used during the distribution of Holy Communion, especially for reception on the tongue
- Resume routine cleaning of the Sanctuary and all common areas

LITURGICAL GUIDELINES

- Reception of Holy Communion from the Chalice by the Faithful in general continues to be suspended. However:
 - The bride and bridegroom receive Holy Communion from the same Chalice when Matrimony is celebrated within Mass (cf. *Order of Celebrating Matrimony within Mass*, n. 76).
 - If individual chalices can be provided, those receiving their First Holy Communion may receive Holy Communion under both kinds.
 - Pastors must remain vigilant to provide for those who are unable to receive Holy Communion under the species of the host.

**ALL OTHER PRACTICES AND EVENTS MAY BE RESUMED
AT THE DIRECTION, AND WITH THE APPROVAL, OF THE PASTOR.**

Examples of Practices that may be fully resumed:

- The use of liturgical ministers (servers, Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, etc.)
- Opening Procession, Procession of the Gifts of Bread, Wine and monetary offerings, Recessional
- The inclusion of Choirs in the liturgy
- Passing offertory baskets for collection
- Sign of Peace - handshake permitted*
(*contact not required)
- Greeting parishioners after Mass