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COVID-Preventive Protocols for Celebration of Liturgies

The current pandemic has highlighted our interdependence: we are all linked to each other, for better or for worse. Therefore, to come out of this crisis better than before, we have to do so together, all of us, in solidarity. Pope Francis, Twitter, 9/2/2020

We know the desire to return to our parish, to participate in the liturgy, and to receive the Eucharist is incredibly strong. We ask that -- **for the love of God and neighbor** -- everyone approach this time with a patient, loving and charitable mindset. While these COVID-preventive protocols are subject to change as we learn and adapt, here are key points:

1. The general dispensation from the Sunday obligation from our Bishop Luis Rafael remains.
2. Attendance is limited, per regulations and space. Reserve at allsaintscnc.org/masstimes
3. Social distancing, mask wearing, and personal sanitizer are **required**.
4. Temporary liturgical changes are in place.
5. There is a health risk for anyone who attends a public liturgy or devotion during this time.

With the understanding that these dates could change with evaluations and new information on current affairs, our present steps for reopening are as follows with ***tentative*** scheduling:

1. Parish offices resume part-time business hours, **Tuesday-Friday 8:30AM-1:00 PM**, beginning **Tuesday, September 8**. Please call 910-270-1477 two days ahead to set appointments.
2. Weekday and weekend liturgies will observe these protocols, **effective September 12, 2020**.
3. Confessions are held on Saturdays at 4PM and by appointment.
4. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be administered upon request; please call 910-270-1477.
5. Small group (25 indoors, 50 outdoors) meetings will resume with new protocols. In addition to setup and takedown, groups will use a health screening list and clean surfaces after meeting.

Updates and information will be published on the parish website at **allsaintscnc.org**. You are encouraged to download the MyParish app from your app store, or by texting *App* to 88202.

There no doubt will be challenges and frustrations. Your household might not be able to attend liturgy, or we might have a sign-up blunder and things will not go according to plan. These protocols represent a reasonable sacrifice for the dignity of every human life and for respect of the liturgy. For the interest of the common good, and ultimately to best serve our own community, we do not want to contribute to a rebound effect.

1. A general dispensation from the Sunday obligation will remain.

- As stated by Bishop Luis Rafael, **all the faithful continue to be dispensed from their Sunday obligation.** While this dispensation is applicable to all, it especially applies to the elderly, those sick, those with pre-existing health conditions, or other vulnerable people who should continue to stay at home.
- Charity and understanding are asked of all the faithful as we reopen for more activities.

2. Attendance will be limited.

- To meet safety standards and guidelines, we have limited our capacity per liturgy.
- Attendance is handled with an online sign-up process at allsaintscnc.org/masstimes. Each week new sign-up links will be available between 1:00pm on Wednesday and 2:00 pm on Saturday for that weekend's liturgies.
- For those without computer access, parishioners can call the parish office during business hours at 910-270-1477 beginning at 1:00 pm on Wednesday to request a ticket for that weekend's liturgies as long as seating is available.
- Names will be checked to confirm attendance; those with reservations will be seated first.
- **Online liturgies are available Sundays at 11AM and Thursdays & Fridays at 9AM.**

3. Social distancing, mask wearing, and personal sanitizer will be *required*.

- **Masks for anyone 2-years and older and personal sanitizer are required.**
- Only the front doors of the church will be used for entering and exiting.
- No one is permitted to loiter in the Gathering Area before, during, or after the liturgy.
- Seating will be facilitated by Ushers, allowing for a six-foot buffer between households.
- Due to limited space and social distancing, no one should expect to sit in their usual seat.

4. There will be a risk for anyone who attends a public liturgy or devotion.

- Anyone who enters a public space should recognize there is a risk of contracting the coronavirus. Improved cleaning will occur at our church, but no one should expect that they will be any safer from germs than other public spaces.
- Regular cleaning and sanitizing will take place between liturgies. Restrooms will be open for emergency use; we encourage you to use facilities at home.
- See last page for Center for Disease Control (CDC health self-evaluation checklist).

5. Temporary liturgical changes will be in place.

- Any variation from normal liturgical practice will be temporary.
- Offertory baskets for the collections will be placed in the aisles.
- No hymnals will be used.
- Noncontact gestures will be used at the Sign of Peace for individuals not in the same household.
- Ushers will facilitate social distancing between individuals not in the same household for the Communion Processional.
- Distribution of the Precious Blood has been suspended during this time.
- **Sanitize your hands with your hand sanitizer before receiving the Eucharist.**
- Those distributing and receiving the Eucharist are not permitted to wear gloves.
- **We strongly encourage reception of Eucharist in the hand.**
- Remove your mask only when consuming the host, and promptly replace it.

TODAY'S DATE: _____

| CDC FACILITIES COVID-19 SCREENING <small>Accessible version available at https://www.cdc.gov/screening/</small> | | |
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| PLEASE READ EACH QUESTION CAREFULLY | PLEASE CIRCLE THE ANSWER THAT APPLIES TO YOU | |
| Have you experienced any of the following symptoms in the past 48 hours: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fever or chills • cough • shortness of breath or difficulty breathing • fatigue • muscle or body aches • headache • new loss of taste or smell • sore throat • congestion or runny nose • nausea or vomiting • diarrhea | YES | NO |
| Within the past 14 days, have you been in close physical contact (6 feet or closer for at least 15 minutes) with a person who is known to have laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 or with anyone who has any symptoms consistent with COVID-19? | YES | NO |
| Are you isolating or quarantining because you may have been exposed to a person with COVID-19 or are worried that you may be sick with COVID-19? | YES | NO |
| Are you currently waiting on the results of a COVID-19 test? | YES | NO |
| Did you answer NO to ALL QUESTIONS? | Access to CDC facilities APPROVED . Please show this to security at the facility entrance. Thank you for helping us protect you and others during this time. | |
| Did you answer YES to ANY QUESTION? | Access to CDC facilities NOT APPROVED . Please see Page 2 for further instructions. Thank you for helping us protect you and others during this time. | |



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