

WHAT TO EXPECT AS WE RETURN TO MASS

St. Mary's Church of Cranston

- We are excited to celebrate public Mass with our Parish Family again! To safely accommodate as many parishioners as possible, we are offering limited seating for Mass in our church. All Masses will be in the Upper Church. Reservations will be required for attending Mass at Saint Mary's. Reservations may be made by calling the Rectory. Once a Mass is filled no reservations will be accepted for that Mass. Once you have registered, a ticket will be mailed to you that you must present for entrance into the Church. Without your ticket, entrance will not be possible. This ticket is only for the person who is registered, it can not be given to someone else if you choose not to attend. At the present time we will offer the regular weekend schedule. Daily Masses will not resume at this time due to the number of funeral masses and memorial masses that are being scheduled due to the shutdown.
- Bishop Tobin has extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass. We will continue to stream the Mass on Sunday mornings at 11:00 am on our facebook page (StMarysCranston) or on William Ledoux facebook page.
- It is not required that you receive Holy Communion if you attend Mass; you may remain in your seat.
- Masks/Face Coverings are to be worn at all times in the church and should completely cover mouth and nose.
 - Please observe social distancing of 6 feet of other parishioners at all times.
 - Ushers will greet you at the front door only; You must bring your ticket confirming of your reservation to church. Ushers will bring you to an available seat, beginning from the front of the church, and working toward the back. This may not be the pew that you would typically sit at, but we ask that you be patient with this process, if a line forms outside, again, please adhere to social distancing.
- Each pew will have a symbol, marking each available seat.
- Use of Rest Rooms will not be allowed at this time (emergency's only)
- Ushers will guide the faithful to form Communion Lines. Please follow their directions at all times.
- When Mass has concluded, and the ministers have proceeded out of the Sanctuary, the Ushers will begin to direct the faithful on exiting the church, pew by pew starting from the back of the church and moving forward to the front of the church (closest to the Altar) Again, this will take some time, so again we ask for your understanding so that we can keep everyone as safe as possible.
- Plan to arrive early to church; the entering procedure will be slower than what we are accustomed to, and again if a line begins to form, please take notice of the social distancing markers.
- IF ANYONE FEELS UNWELL AT ALL, WITH ANY KIND OF SYMPTOM, PLEASE STAY HOME. • There will be no offertory collection during Mass, no offertory procession, and no exchanging the sign of peace. You may deposit your budget offering at the front door when you arrive. • Instructions will be given before Mass begins on receiving Holy Communion. • The lower Church will remain closed for now. The only entrance into the church is through the Front Main Doors. • Please do not congregate outside the church or parking lot at this time. • After everyone has exited the church, all surfaces will be sanitized.