

To: All Catholics interested in receiving Holy Communion at the Cathedral

From: Fr. Andrew

Re: Details about Communion Services during COVID-19

Date: May 19, 2020

Beginning Sunday, May 24th, Catholics in our cluster who wish to receive Holy Communion may come to the Cathedral and follow the strict guidelines set forth by Bishop Powers. These Communion Services will be followed until Bishop is confident that we can have Mass in a way that is both reverent and safe.

Key Considerations before you come to the Cathedral:

- 1. <u>No one is required to receive Holy Communion.</u> The dispensation given by Bishop Powers from the Sunday obligation to attend Mass is still in effect
- 2. If you are sick or at high risk STAY HOME. This is for your safety and that of others
- 3. People who do come to receive Holy Communion are <u>strongly encouraged to wear a mask</u>; all volunteers and ministers assisting Fr. Andrew are required to do so
- 4. Social distancing norms, hand sanitizer usage, and groups of less than ten will be strictly enforced
- 5. Bishop Powers asks that people prepare by watching an online Mass and taking time for private prayer

How the Communion Service will take place at the Cathedral:

- 1. Communion will be distributed from Noon-2:00pm on Sunday
- 2. Ushers outside will direct people to enter the main entrance of the Church
- 3. Unfortunately, at this time, our elevator will not be available because we will not have adequate time to clean it between each use. You will need to take the stairs to enter and exit the building.
- 4. While waiting in line people must keep the social distance space of six feet
- 5. Those who wish to give a gift or envelope may do so in the baskets provided
- 6. Groups of eight will be allowed in at a time; they will not have time to kneel and pray in Church
- 7. Before entering the Church you will be required to use hand sanitizer
- 8. In the entryway of the Church a brief opening prayer and the Lord's Prayer will be offered
- 9. People will process directly down the center aisle, maintaining the six foot spacing
- 10. Communion must only be received in the hand; people are asked to do so without gloves
- 11. Upon receiving Holy Communion, people will proceed immediately out of the Cathedral by the West exit (Baxter Ave. side)
- 12. Once outside, people are asked to move away from the Cathedral to keep the flow of traffic moving

Note: these rules will be strictly enforced so that everyone can receive the Sacrament in as reverent and safe a manner as possible until the situation allows us to gather in larger groups for Mass.