

My brothers and sisters in the Lord,  
As we move into the 9<sup>th</sup> month of the pandemic and as it seems to be intensifying, in consultation with the Archdiocese best practices and the recommendation of the government, we offer these responses to frequently asked questions

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### How can I participate in Mass at Holy Name?

- 1) Monday – Saturday 8:00 am Daily Mass is available through livestream on our parish website and archived afterwards.
- 2) Weekend Masses: Saturday at 4:00 pm; Sunday at 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 12:00 pm

### How do I participate in weekend Mass?

- 1) A reservation is required to attend a weekend Mass. Mass attendance will be capped at 100 persons.
- 2) Beginning the previous Monday, reservations can be made on our parish website – click on “Mass Sign-up” – or by calling the parish office (248-646-2244).
- 3) Reservations close Friday at noon.
- 4) Registered attendees must arrive no later than five minutes before Mass begins. At that time empty seats will be available to walk-in attendees on a first come, first serve basis. Walk in attendees must provide name and contact information.
- 5) Check your temperature before coming and please stay home if you have a fever.
- 6) A mask is required to enter the building.
- 7) Plan to enter through the parking lot entrance. All other doors will be locked.

### What will be different about Mass?

- 1) During this time we must refrain from the customary greeting, presentation of gifts, sign of peace, and congregational singing; nonetheless, your presence and spiritual participation remains essential.
- 2) Accommodations have been made for people with special circumstances (e.g. mobility issues, gluten intolerance, etc.). Upon your arrival, please alert the usher.
- 3) **Collection** – a collection box will be available as you enter the worship space. We are also grateful for your online donations.
- 4) **Communion** -
  - The priest or deacon will be wearing masks and will have sanitized their hands.

- Follow the direction of the ushers, keeping proper social distance.
  - After receiving in the hand, **step away from the Eucharistic Minister**, pull down your mask to consume the host, then replace your mask.
- 5) **Departure** - following the directives of the ushers, you will leave the Church in an orderly and efficient manner, maintaining proper social distancing. Once you have exited the worship space you will not be able to reenter.
  - 6) Neither Monsignor Zenz or Deacon McKale will be available for greeting or conversation before or after Mass.
  - 7) Casual visitation must take place outside the building, observing social distancing.

### How do I celebrate the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation/Confession)?

- 1) Confessions will be heard Saturday from 3:00 - 3:45 pm in the Chapel.
- 2) As you wait in the Gathering Space, please practice social distancing.
- 3) Msgr. is also more than happy to schedule an appointment via his email (jzenz@hnchurch.org).

### What if I'm uncomfortable with coming back to Church right now?

**No problem**, the Archbishop has extended dispensation from Sunday obligation until February 16, 2021 (Mardi Gras). He reminds us that no one should participate in the Eucharist if he or she is conscious of compromised personal health or has reason to believe that he or she might be a health risk to others.

### What about Baptisms, Funerals and Weddings?

- 1) **Baptisms** are scheduled for individual families by Monsignor Zenz. Attendance is limited to 10 family members. Usual times are 11:30 am, 1:30 pm or 5:30 pm on Saturdays and 1:30 pm on Sundays. To schedule a baptism please contact [devey@hnchurch.org](mailto:devey@hnchurch.org).
- 2) **Weddings** are arranged with Monsignor Zenz. Attendees will follow the same directives as those for weekend Masses (e.g. attendance limited to 150 people with reservations, masks, and social distancing).
- 3) **Funerals** are arranged with Monsignor Zenz. Attendees will follow the same directives as those for weekend Masses (e.g. attendance limited to 100 people with reservations, masks, and social distancing). The parish will not be able to accommodate funeral luncheons for the foreseeable future.

**Will I notice anything different about the Church?**

To ensure hygiene and protection from virus transmission, all furniture has been removed from the Gathering Space.

**Can I come and pray in the Church or Chapel during the day?**

**Unfortunately no**, for the sake of keeping the environment disinfected, the church and chapel remain closed except for scheduled Masses or events.

**How do I arrange for a Mass Intention?**

Please submit your Mass intentions to [info@hnchurch.org](mailto:info@hnchurch.org) or call the parish office (248.646.2244). Monetary offerings may be mailed to the parish (630 Harmon St.)

**Will the parish office be open?**

The office remains closed until further notice but feel free to call Monday thru Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 noon.

**What about events, meetings, or appointments?**

Unfortunately there are no events, parish meetings, or appointments in the church until further notice. Most groups have found ZOOM Meetings to be adequate for the time being.