



SAINT MARK
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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St. Mark Catholic Church updates guidelines for public Masses - Effective November 21

Under the guidance of the General Counsel for the Diocese of Colorado Springs and Bishop Sheridan, St. Mark will continue to offer Mass with reserved seating at 25% capacity. Per our General Counsel, these guidelines will continue to apply until and unless a federal injunction covering Houses of Worship is overturned, or Douglas County moves into “Level Purple” stay-at-home orders.

St. Mark continues to take the following precautions to minimize the risk of spread of COVID-19:

- Reserved seating provides at least 6 feet of social distancing between parties throughout Mass. Attendees are required to maintain social distancing at all times, including the check-in process in the Narthex.
- Masks are required when moving within the building and are highly encouraged once seated for Mass. 8 AM Sunday Mass requires a mask at all times.
- For the distribution of Holy Communion, the priest and deacon distribute directly to parishioners at their seats. The priest will only distribute to those receiving on the tongue, while the deacon will only distribute to those receiving in hand.
- We continue to provide single-use worship aids and clean the church after each Mass. Hand sanitizer stations are available throughout the building.
- Catholics are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday but are encouraged to attend Mass one time during the week, if possible. Daily Mass is offered daily throughout the week, and a Livestream of the 4 PM Saturday Vigil Mass is available online. Anyone who is sick or has come into contact with someone who is sick should not attend Mass.

Parishioners are encouraged to continue registering for all weekend Masses at stmarkhr.org. Please arrive at least 20 minutes before your reservation.

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