



DIVINE MERCY PARISH

SACRED HEART CHURCH · ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

REOPENING FOR MASSES

We are happy to announce that we will move to Phase 2 of the gradual reopening of our Parish, which will include offering one Mass limited to 50 persons at each of our churches on the weekend of June 13 and 14. We will begin with only one Mass at each church to see how the liturgy will flow, to gauge how many people feel comfortable in returning to church, and to determine if we need more volunteers to guide us through the new social distancing requirements. The following sets forth the specifics for attending Mass at Divine Mercy.

According to Archdiocesan guidelines, we are limited to 50 persons in attendance at each of our churches. We must comply with strict guidelines in order to offer Mass, so we ask for your understanding and cooperation in making this possible. As each attendee enters church, they will be greeted by a member of our Reopening Team, who will check for a face-mask, provide everyone with hand sanitizer, and guide them to the appropriate place inside the church. Attendees **must** remain in the seat to which they are directed. Seating will be spaced out to ensure proper social distancing guidelines. All pews have been marked per these guidelines.

In addition:

- You **MUST** make a reservation for Mass. See below for details.
- Ushers will direct you to the Communion line. The floor will be marked where people should stand while in line. Do your best to stay 6 feet away from the person in front of you.
- Only the Priest and/or Deacon may distribute Communion. He/They will be wearing appropriate personal protection equipment.
- See more details on the reception of Communion and other things to expect when you return to Mass in the attached document. Click [here](#).
- Ushers will also direct you **out** once the Mass is over. You may **not** exit the church until you are directed to do so. Our exit must be orderly so that everyone can social distance properly. Mass goers will exit through the side doors near the front of the sanctuary.
- Congregational singing is discouraged.
- There will be no collection basket passed, although a donation box will be placed near the entrance and exit to the church for your convenience.
- You may use the restroom during Mass, but if there is a line, stay 6 feet apart from one another.

Sacred Heart Church will offer Mass on Saturday, June 13th at 5:00 p.m. (the livestream Mass).

If you would like to attend the Sacred Heart Mass, you **must** make a reservation. Names of all attendees in your family must be included in the reservation, so we can obtain a proper count. To make a reservation, you can visit the following Signup Genius link by clicking [here](#). You can also make a reservation by telephone if you are unable to use the internet. Call our temporary number at 847-881-6664.

You must enter the church through the parking lot door ONLY, where you will be greeted by a member of the Reopening Team and guided through the process as noted above. We strongly recommend arriving early for Mass, so that all attendees can be checked in.

St. Philip the Apostle Church will offer Mass on Sunday, June 14th at 8:00 a.m.

If you would like to attend the St. Philip Mass, you **must** make a reservation. Names of all attendees in your family must be included in the reservation, so we can obtain a proper count. To make a reservation, you can visit the following Signup Genius link by clicking [here](#). You can also make a reservation by telephone if you are not comfortable using the internet. Call our temporary number at 847-881-6664.

You must enter the church through the east or west FRONT doors ONLY (not the center door), where you will be greeted by a member of the Reopening Team and guided through the process as noted above. We strongly recommend arriving early for Mass, so that all attendees can be checked in properly.

Note: All parishioners must wear a face-mask in order to enter either church. If you are feeling sick or showing any flu-like symptoms, we encourage you to stay at home for your own health and safety, as well as the health and safety of others inside the church.

Phase 2 also allows us to increase the number of attendees to 50 for Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, with all the required social distancing requirements. Arrangements can be made with the parish office. Any questions? Please call our temporary office number at 847-881-6664.