

## **RETURN TO PUBLIC MASS AT RISEN SAVIOR PROCEDURES / PROTOCOL**

- We have resumed our regular Saturday 5:00 p.m., Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. (Spanish) Mass schedule.
  
- Those with compromised immune systems and/or over age 65 are strongly encouraged not to attend, and anyone showing any symptoms of sickness, or anyone who has a household member who is sick or showing symptoms of sickness, should not come to church.
- We continue to record Sunday Masses until it is safe for everyone to attend Mass in person again.
  - The recorded Masses are available on [Youtube](#) (Church of the Risen Savior MN) on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.
- **The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation continues until such a time that it is safe for ALL to return.**
  
- As of July 25, 2020, face masks are MANDATORY in all public indoor spaces and businesses (Governor's Executive Order 20-81).
- Doors to the building are propped open (rain or shine) for safe, no touch entry.
- The entire church space is thoroughly sanitized before and after each Mass, including all entryways and doors.
  - Chemical safety data sheets are available for viewing at the parish office.
- Holy water fonts are empty and hymnals removed.
- Hand sanitizer is available throughout the building.
- Do not congregate in the commons/lobby at any time.
  - No seating in the commons/lobby.
- Doors to the worship space are open (after sanitizing between Masses is complete).
- Proceed straight to the pews and find a seat; do not visit with other people in the gathering space.
- Thankfully, we have a large worship space with a lot of room to spread out; make use of that and spread over the entire space.
- To ensure proper social distancing guidelines, only every third pew is available for seating.
  - All unavailable pews are roped off and clearly marked.
  - Do not enter roped off areas.
  - In open pews, only sit at either end; non-family members, stay 6 feet apart! Do not sit in the centers of the open pews.
- Kneelers are secured (tied up); do not use kneelers.
- Before Mass, (seating) instructions are displayed on the screens in the worship space.
- No congregational singing; musician(s) and cantor only.
- Throughout the Mass, Fr. Tom gives verbal instructions to various procedures as needed.
- To minimize contact, collection baskets are placed in the back of the church. You can drop your contribution (envelopes) into the baskets when entering or exiting the worship space.
- In order to adhere to the CDC's no contact guidelines,
  - do not hold hands during the Lord's Prayer (Our Father);
  - the sign of peace becomes the greeting of peace with a friendly wave.

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- So as to achieve minimal movement and streamline the distribution of Communion, the Mass order is adjusted as follows:
  - The final blessing occurs BEFORE the distribution of Communion to the congregation.
  - Distribution of Communion to the congregation takes place after the conclusion of Mass.
  - Communion is distributed only in the form of hosts.
  - Pews are released individually only; no line-up in the aisles.
    - Be sure to gather all your belongings when your pew is released, as you are not returning to your seat but exit the worship space immediately after receiving communion.
  - To receive Communion,
    - keep your facemask on while the minister holds up the host and says “The body of Christ.”
    - Reply “Amen,” and
    - then remove your face mask to receive Communion.
    - You should receive communion in the hand with your arms extended.
    - You may not wear gloves or receive the Eucharist in a disposable item, such as a cup, tissue or plate.
  - After receiving Communion, EXIT THE WORSHIP SPACE IMMEDIATELY and proceed straight to the parking lot.
  
- F.Y.I.: Eucharistic Ministers receive special instruction on proper protocol and sanitization in addition to their regular sanitization routine.
- When exiting the worship space after Communion, do not congregate in the commons/lobby.
- Prepare to leave the building immediately.
  
- Due to a backlog of funerals, the start date for daily Mass still remains to be determined at this time. We will keep you posted on updates.
  - Daily Masses will be held in the main church once a start date has been determined.
- All safety measures described above also apply to daily Mass.
  
- Restrooms: only use designated bathroom stalls.
- No programs or in-person meetings at this time. We will notify you of updates.