



Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Our Lady of Perpetual Help

COVID-19 - PHASE ONE -- MASS DIRECTIVES (effective 5/19/2020)

Mass Resumes at 25% Church Capacity

- ❖ **The faithful remain dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and holy days of obligation.**
- ❖ Only 42 people will be permitted to attend Mass at OLMC (& 36 in Hall); **no Mass at OLPH at this time.**
- ❖ Please consider choosing a weekday Mass if you are able; this will allow those who can ONLY attend Mass on Saturday or Sunday the opportunity.

Parishioners:

- should only attend **one Mass per week** to allow an opportunity for all parishioners to attend Mass.
- must **register in advance** for the Mass that they wish to attend; a **link** will be available on our website and Facebook page. We are using **EVENTBRITE**. **Each family member** attending the Mass needs to be registered.
- must wear a **mask** & should bring **hand sanitizer**.
- must maintain **6 feet of distance**, unless you are with members of your family.
- will be **escorted** to a designated pew by ushers.
- please **arrive 20 minutes prior to start of Mass** to allow ushers time to check names & seat.
- enter church from the **main entrance**. No entry allowed from side doors near the altar. The wheelchair ramp entry may only be used by those needing assistance.
- ❖ No missals/choir/hymnals at this time.
- ❖ No presentation of the gifts.
- ❖ No physical contact of non-family members.
- ❖ No altar servers will be present.
- ❖ One lector per Mass.
- ❖ Seating is limited to designated open pews.
- ❖ Collection baskets will be available in vestibule for you to place your contribution when you enter church.

Holy Communion

- ❖ The priest will put on a face mask & wash his hands.
- ❖ No distribution of Precious Blood at this time.
- ❖ Holy Communion will be **distributed by rows**; please wait to enter the aisle and **stand 6 feet apart** by using the tape on the floor as a guide.
- ❖ Face mask must be worn. Holy Communion will be distributed **in the hand** by the priest. **DO NOT** grab the Sacred Host from the priest (i.e., **lay hands flat**). Otherwise, re-sanitization of priest's hands will be necessary.
- ❖ **After receiving** communion in the hand, walk 6 feet away, remove mask, consume the Host, then re-mask & return to pew.

Revised Mass Schedule

Tuesday	5:30 pm
Wednesday	7:30 am
Thursday	5:30 pm (note change)
Friday	7:30 am
Saturday	4:30 pm
Sunday	8:30 am (MC): 10:30 am

- ❖ **Following Mass**, please leave in a prompt and orderly fashion so that the church may be cleaned prior to the next Mass. Do not gather in groups and remember to social distance.
- ❖ The **Parish Office** will resume normal operating hours. Visitors must wear a mask and practice social distancing from staff members. A drop box will be available for your contributions and paperwork.
- ❖ **Mass link:** <https://our-lady-of-mount-carmel.eventbrite.com>

Stay Home if...

- ❖ You are aged 65 yrs. or older, and/or particularly vulnerable to illnesses, have a compromised immune system and/or if you have any underlying health conditions.
- ❖ You feel sick or suspect you may be sick.
- ❖ You have been in contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19.
- ❖ You have a sick or ill family member at home.
- ❖ You feel uncomfortable or unsafe in public.
- ❖ **Videotaping of Sunday am Mass WILL CONTINUE.**

Weddings & Funerals

- ❖ **Weddings** will be celebrated with the bride, groom, celebrant, 2 witnesses & immediate family (parents, siblings & children) present.
- ❖ **Funerals** will continue to be celebrated at the graveside with only immediate family (parents, spouse, children, siblings, grandchildren) clergy & funeral staff present.
- ❖ There will be **NO Masses** for either at this time.

Other Sacraments

- ❖ **Baptisms** will be held in private, small gathering.
- ❖ **Reconciliation** – scheduled by appointment by calling the church office 225-635-3630
- ❖ **Anointing of the Sick** – At this time, only in immediate danger of death and subject to any medical protocols in place; please call office.