

## ATTENDING OLV MASS CELEBRATION

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Hello and Welcome back.

The following are some important points you need to know prior to the commencement of celebrations.

As a result of limited seating, Parishioners must telephone the **OLV PARISH SECRETARY (819-986-3763)** no later than 2:30 pm on Thursday of each week to **RESERVE** their attendance/seat at each upcoming Sunday mass. Please see the bulletin for the office hours, or leave a message at any time. (Note: There is no call display)

**MASKS ARE MANDATORY** while attending mass. The ushers will escort you to your reserved seat.

On July 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Provincial Government announced a further clarification with regards to wearing masks indoors. In support of this new initiative, the Diocesan policy has been updated and now states the following: Where distances of 1.5 metres have been established, individuals may remove their masks when seated, (although they should be worn when standing).

Communion will only be distributed under the species of bread. It will only be given in the hand – Fr. Albanus will drop the host into your waiting palm. If you are wearing a mask or gloves, remove them when approaching Father. You will extend your arms as much as possible, in order to maintain the distance between you and Father. He will not say “Body of Christ” and you will not answer “Amen”. He will have purified his hands before the distribution of communion and will wear a mask. **Please see below the information concerning communion outside of the church.**

There will be music but no singing, because singing disperses particles further than speaking.

There will be no offering of peace.

Touch as few surfaces as possible.

In order to ensure physical distancing, a collection basket will be located at the entrance of the church on entering and at the top of the stairs when existing.

A disinfecting station has been placed at the entrance of the church and Parishioners are requested to sanitize upon **entering** and **exiting** the church.

Ushers will be available to assist you in following the new procedures, and answer any questions.

## Update on Diocesan Protocol for COVID-19 Deconfinement

### **Communion Outside the Church**

1. If communion is brought to a public residence, permission must be sought from the director of care and their directives closely followed.
2. The pyx must be thoroughly cleaned with water and soap before and after each use.
3. Only one host should be deposited into the pyx.
4. A Eucharistic minister should bring communion to only one person a day.
5. The minister will disinfect his or her hands before beginning the celebration.
6. The minister will wear a mask while being in the space occupied by the communicant.
7. The minister will only give communion in the hand.
8. The minister will avoid all physical contact and maintain physical distancing with the people present for the sacrament, limiting his or her time in the residence.
9. A pastoral dialogue is frequently part of this ministry: it would be advisable to maintain this practice through a phone conversation before or after bringing communion.