

# Mass/Ministry Protocol

## Stay Connected to St. John the Apostle Church

We are continuing to work on several ways that you, our parishioners, can stay connected with our parish:

1) Our office is open Tuesday through Friday. We are also checking our voicemails and emails regularly.

2) The church is open every week **Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:00pm, Saturday from 8:00am to 3:00pm** for personal prayer and reflection. Please maintain strict physical distancing. Please, use the wipes by the side door to sanitize the pew before and after use. We'll have wipes by the side door. Wash your hands or use the hand sanitizer that's on the wall by the door before entering the church.

3) The weekly bulletin with inserts of 'Dear Padre' and Catholic Sentinel is on the table in front of the parish office and at all church entrances. Please stop by and help yourself.

## Communications

- If you are not getting messages via SJA Flocknote, Sign Up Now. That's the way that we will communicate with our parishioners.

## General Guidelines

If you or someone in your family is not feeling well, please do not come to church. **Face masks are required except for those with a medical condition that precludes them from wearing a mask and children under 5 years of age.** A Hospitality Minister will check you off the list and show you to your seat. Seating is important to maximize the number of people we can have in church while keeping physical distance.

## Dispensation From Sunday Mass Obligation

It is very important to know that dispensation from participating in the Sunday Holy Mass obligation is still in place. If you have a compromised health condition or are in the age group of those at high risk or even have mild illness, please stay home and join us through the live streamed Holy Mass on YouTube or Facebook at 10:30am every Sunday. The truth is that most of us would like to participate in the Sunday Holy Mass and that is really wonderful to note. We want you to remember that you are dispensed from participating in the Sunday Holy Mass during the pandemic.

### **Group Gathering, Devotions and Organization Meetings**

"With reopening expanding, group adoration, other devotions, meetings of councils and organizations can take place – provided there is no more than **50** and physical distancing, sanitizing and other protocols and guidelines are carefully followed. Masks are required during these gatherings. No food or snacks except water should be served unless it is separately packed for each individual. Each group coordinator has to collect the names and phone numbers of individuals participating in these events and submit them to Corinne Welters at the Parish Office after every event. For those who would prefer Zoom meetings at this time for greater participation, we highly encourage you to use that platform"