

Holy Family Catholic Church

Abilene, Texas

GUIDELINES FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MASS UNDER THE CURRENT COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Revised August 1, 2020

Thank you for your patience during the Covid-19 restrictions. When Bishop Sis visited Holy Family on Saturday, August 1, we were informed there is no restriction on kneeling in the church building. Please feel free to kneel as you normally would during Mass and other times.

The 5:30 p.m. Mass is recorded and posted to our website and Facebook page for viewing on Sunday and the remainder of the week. For those present during the recording of Mass, please be aware that by attending this liturgy you acknowledge and consent that you may be recorded during this event. Recorded Masses are archived at our website for six weeks.

Following are the current guidelines for celebrating Mass:

- All attendees over the age of two are to wear face masks or cloth face coverings over the nose and mouth. If you arrive without a mask, we cannot let you enter the Church. The parish has a limited supply of face masks. If you arrive without a mask, you may ask the ushers for a mask.
- Hand sanitizer will be available to attendees at the church entrance.
- Ushers will guide attendees to be seated. Proper social distancing must be observed. Every other pew must be empty. Seating spaces are marked with green tape. Families and couples may sit together.
- Since seating will be limited, people will be seated in the church on a first come-first serve basis. If you are not able to enter the church, please view Mass remotely and wait in the parking lot for distribution of Communion at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday and 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.
- No hymnals or worship aides may be used or handed out at this time.
- The offertory collection is omitted. Place your donation in the large black box near the baptismal font in the church foyer.
- There will be no holding hands during the Lord's Prayer.
- No shaking hands, etc. during the Sign of Peace.
- People age 65 and older are strongly encourage to stay home and participate remotely. Those who have a serious underlying medical condition, feel sick, have a cough, or have any reason to believe they have been exposed to COVID-19 should also stay home.
- The nursery and the cry room will not be available due to the social distancing requirements.

May God bless you for your continued patience and cooperation during this unprecedented time of the Covid Pandemic.

Rev. Msgr. Frederick G. Nawarskas, Pastor