



# A Prayerful RETURN TO ST. EDWARD

Dear Holy People of God, this has been a very challenging and even painful time for us from the beginning of this plague and time resulting in absence from public worship. Now, more than ever, we will be called to make certain sacrifices that will help us return safely to the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and we are prayerfully excited to return to St. Edward. Please carefully review the following reminders, protocols, and the new “normal.”

Archbishop Wenski has emphasized that all Catholics of the Archdiocese of Miami are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and this dispensation is in effect until further notice.

**Physical distancing** will limit seating capacity for Mass.

- Daily Mass attendance will be limited to 50 persons.
- Sunday Masses may be limited to as few as 300 people.
- Unfortunately, this may mean that in order to ensure everyone has at least some opportunity for attending Mass, no one should expect to be able to attend every Sunday.

**Sunday Mass seating will be assigned.** (This is necessary for us to comply with physical social distancing.)

- Separate families and individuals must sit approximately 6-feet apart.
- We will try as best as possible for families who live together to sit together.
- All members of your party must enter at the same time. Our Golf cart transportation will not be operating.
- Please follow all instructions for one-way entrance and exit from the building.

**Masks or suitable face coverings will be required while you attend Mass.**

- These will not be provided. The mask or face covering must always be worn except at the moment of reception of Holy Communion.

**Hand Sanitizer:** Due to the cost and availability of hand sanitizers, those attending Mass will be expected to bring their own. Limited amounts may be present in the Church.

**Offertory** will be collected at a station near the entrance.

**Sunday arrival times** (please give yourself extra time extra time.)

- Parking lot will open 30 minutes before the Mass.
- All vehicles will enter using the West (Montessori) entrance.
- A checkpoint will confirm the number of persons in the vehicle and face mask presence.
- *Parking lot will be closed when building capacity has been reached, no exceptions.*

**Livestreaming**

- One English and one Spanish Sunday Mass will continue to be on-line.
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Liturgy of the Hours will be on Thursdays.

**Holy Water** stoups will be empty and will not be available in any form.

- You are still encouraged to make the Sign of the Cross when entering and exiting the Church to remind you of your baptismal vows.

**Gloves:** We are strongly discouraging the wearing of gloves while on our property. *Any gloves must be removed to receive Holy Communion.*

**The above guidelines must be followed for all liturgical functions moving forward.**

**Stay Home:** The risk of the coronavirus is real even with the best health practices. **Stay home if...** anyone attending events such as Mass is increasing their risk of exposure.

- you are most at risk of serious infection or illness and your caregivers.
- you are sick or have flu like symptoms
- you are frail because of age or vulnerable because of an existing condition
- you are a caretaker of someone who should be staying home, may be reasonable to wait
- you are fearful, stay home.