

Note from Fr. Tony Hesse, from the Worship Meeting:

When you leave, we ask that the people leave from the back of the church first. If you are concerned that everybody is leaving all at once, then wait until people are out first before leaving yourself. It is kind of like when I go to a professional sports game, I wait until everyone is out first, so that there will be less congestion when I leave.

When weekend Masses are over, to help with the flow, feel free to leave out the side doors of our churches. They will still be locked, so you need to still come into the main doors, but you can go out of them.

If you are concerned whether the pews were properly sanitized, feel free to sanitize your pews with the spray bottle and paper towel before you sit down. If people want to help with sanitizing afterwards, please let us know.

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help prayer cards are available in the entrances, help yourself. We will be doing the devotion on Wednesday after Mass at Our Lady of Victory. You can join us in this devotion there or via livestream after Mass. If we get a lot of interest from the other churches, we will consider having it prayed there as well. Otherwise, help yourself to the prayer cards.

There will be a Diocesan Day of Prayer: *TOGETHER We Pray* on October 7 at Our Lady of Victory and St. Anne. More info will come out soon. It will be a day of adoration along with praying the rosary at the beginning of each of the hours, with certain intentions. St. Catherine will be doing it on Thursday, the 8th, in conjunction with our usual Thursday adoration.

Because of wearing the masks, many people are asking for us to sing, and we will begin singing the weekend of October 3-4. Again, I encourage everyone who does not have medical issues to wear them. If you want to sing, the songs are already in the *Breaking Bread* books at St. Catherine or you will need to grab a *Music Issue* at St. Anne. There are plenty of books, please help yourself.

Beginning Oct. 3-4, Holy Communion will be offered to those who want to receive on the tongues after Mass. There are a lot of people who want to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, but if we were to do that during Mass, than the ministers and I would have to sanitize our fingers after each time we touch the tongue and this would create a lot of chaos, especially as we are going up and down the pews during Communion. Therefore, we are asking you to stay after Mass and one of the ministers will come offering Holy Communion, placing our Lord gently on your tongues. We will sanitize if the finger touches the tongue. When receiving, please avoid exhaling to avoid breathing on the fingers of the distributor. If you want the priest only to distribute Communion to yourself, please let the minister know and he/she will tell the priest. For those of you who are leaving after Mass and have already received, we are asking that you leave quietly and reverently out of respect for those who are waiting to receive. If you are confused by any of this, please let me know.

Beginning Oct. 3-4, Mass times will rotate with whoever has the early Saturday Mass will have the late Sunday Mass and whoever has the late Saturday Mass will have the early Sunday Mass. Mass times will stay the same. In other words, October-December we will have Masses at 4pm (Sat) and the 10am (Sun) at St. Catherine. The 6pm (Sat) and the 8am (Sun) Masses will be at St. Anne. Then beginning in January, 2021 we will rotate every 4 months we will change the places of the Mass times from January-April, and then change them again from May-August, etc. This way, as the years go on, everyone will have a time they want and when they want. Please let me know if you need this clarified more. Sorry for any confusion and inconvenience.

Again, I thank you for understanding and know that what you are wanting may not be what someone else wants. Although, I know we will not be pleasing everyone and neither did Jesus or St. John the Baptist, I pray that we will not fall into the temptation of Jesus' generation. Instead, let us all strive to please the One (**Jesus**) who matters.