

What Parishioners Should Expect

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When Returning to the Parish of St Ann and Our Lady of Guadalupe

Continue to check the parish website <https://stannbb.org/> for regular updates and schedules.

Let us all remember to take responsibility and exercise the utmost care to protect ourselves and others. Be mindful that safeguarding our own and each other's health offers reverent service to God, for as Jesus says, whatever we do for the least of our brothers or sisters, we do for Him.
Coming into an open church building carries a risk to your health.

Individuals assume that risk for themselves.

Thank you for your patience and continued support of our parish.

General Information

1. The Bishop's general dispensation from the Sunday and Holyday Mass obligation will remain in place until future notice.
2. You are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to stay home if you are in a vulnerable category (i.e., 65 years and older, person who is immunocompromised, anyone who is ill, anyone who has been near someone who is ill, or suspects he or she is ill).
3. There are approximately 95 pods available for seating in each church, allowing for 6+ ft social distancing. This number will vary according to the sizes of the groups.
4. Seating is every third row leaving two empty rows in between for social distancing.
5. Seating will be around the perimeters of the churches and in the vestibules also allowing for 6+ ft social distancing.
6. Please follow all directions of the parking attendants, door monitors and ushers.
7. Maintain proper social distancing of at least six feet from other individuals at all times.
8. There will be no singing other than the cantor.
9. All missalettes and hymnals have been removed from the pews.
10. You may bring your own reading materials to Mass. Anything left in the pews will be removed.
11. You are encouraged to bring your own hand sanitizer.
12. Any questions you may have about the church, processes, or any other topic should be directed to the church office.

Parking

1. Follow the direction of the parking attendants as parking is different on weekdays and weekends.
2. **Place your mask over your nose and mouth before exiting your car.**

Entering the Church

1. Doors will open 30 minutes prior to Mass.
2. There is **only one entrance door**.
3. Maintain social distancing of 6 feet while waiting to enter the church. The sidewalk is clearly marked.
4. There you will be greeted by volunteers who will ask you questions about the current state of your health. They will take your temperature and supply you with hand sanitizer.

5. If you are exhibiting any symptoms or have a fever of 100.4° or higher, you may not attend Mass.
6. No one will be permitted to enter after seating capacity has been filled.
7. No one will be allowed to enter once Mass begins. All doors will be locked and used as exit only doors.
8. Wear a mask at all times.
9. Places marked with blue tape on pews indicate “no seating”.

Seating

1. Follow the directions of the ushers who will guide you to your seat.
2. Touch as little as possible.
3. **Do not** leave your seat once you have been seated except to receive Communion or to exit.

Music and Lectors

1. There will be only one (1) lector at each mass.
2. There will be only one (1) cantor and one (1) musical accompanist at each mass.

Offertory

1. There will be no presentation of gifts.
2. A collection basket will be located at the entrance of the churches, at several of the exits at St Ann and on the Baptismal font at Our Lady of Guadalupe.
3. Please continue to mail in your donations or sign up for online giving.

Communion

1. There will be three Communion stations with hand sanitizers.
2. Only priests will distribute Communion on the tongue.
3. All Eucharist Ministers will use hand sanitizer every time they may accidentally touch the hand of a communicant.
4. The ushers will dismiss by rows in an orderly manner.
5. When it is your turn to receive, remain 6 ft from the priest/minister. Keep your mask on while the priest/minister shows you the Host and says, “The Body of Christ”. After you respond “Amen” and only then, you may approach the priest/minister.
6. Place one hand upon the other and with outstretched arms. The priest/minister will place the Host in your hand.
7. Receive the Host in your hand, and then step 6 ft to the side. There you will loosen your mask to consume the Host. Replace your mask and return to your seat.

After Mass

1. No one will be allowed to remain in the church on Saturday vigil mass(es) or on Sundays.
2. The church will be open until 11am for private prayer following the weekday masses.
3. Please maintain social distancing in the parking lot and proceed directly to your cars.
4. The church will be disinfected before the next mass.