

St. James the Apostle - Weekday Mass Protocol as of July 22, 2020 - Due to COVID 19

****The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass continues until August 1st in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Those who are at risk or concerned that they or their family might become sick should stay at home and view live-streamed or online Masses. We urge those who have serious health issues, who are most vulnerable, who are not feeling well, or who fear for their own health, to refrain from attending church during this time.****

Listed below are the many new protocols that all parishioners must follow to attend Weekday Mass. (The protocols for Weekend Masses are on a separate document) **Please read through these guidelines carefully.** These protocols are borne out of concern for the well-being of all of our parish family and the greater community of which we are a part. Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this challenging time. They will be reviewed often and updated as necessary. The most up to date guidelines may be found on our parish website www.stjamesapostle.com

YOU MUST SUPPLY YOUR OWN MASK and masks must be worn by everyone age 10 and older when present on our campus.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

- Mass times will be 8:30 am Monday through Friday and at 7 pm Wednesdays. **There will be no weekday Masses on Saturdays - only the Vigil Mass at 4PM will be offered.**
- You must be wearing a mask to be permitted into the church for Mass. **(PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN MASK)**

PLAN BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

- Wash your hands. Bring your own hand sanitizer that can be used before receiving Holy Communion.
- Take your temperature and avoid coming to church if your temperature is 99.6 or greater.
- **Face masks or coverings are required at all times on our campus for age 10 and older.**
- Restrooms are open for emergencies only; children must be accompanied by an adult.
- DO NOT bring items that contain bleach into the sanctuary as this will damage the pews.

ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

- Masks (for ages 10 and older) should be worn as soon as you exit your vehicle.
- Entrance to the church will be through the glass doors in the parish hall only.
- In order to facilitate social distancing of 6 feet or more between individuals (households are considered one group) during Mass, ushers will help guide everyone to their seats.
- Ushers will assist you and seating will be from the front to back of the church. **YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CHOOSE A PEW.**

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DURING MASS

- Please keep your face mask on for the duration of the Mass.
- There is to be no physical contact between households at the Sign of Peace or Lord's Prayer.

HOLY COMMUNION PROCEDURES

- Reception of Holy Communion will be in the hand only at this time.
- Use of personal hand sanitizer before Holy Communion is strongly encouraged.
- Maintain 6-foot separation in the line for Holy Communion.
- Masks should be worn in the communion line.
- When approaching the priest, deacon or extraordinary minister for Communion, place your hands, one underneath the other with your arms fully extended.
- Do not reach for or close your hands around the Sacred Host. The Sacred Host will be placed on your hand by the priest, deacon or extraordinary minister and then will be released to rest on your hand to avoid any contact by the priest/minister of your hand.
- After the receiving Communion, please step to the side, remove your mask, consume the Eucharist, and then re-mask as you head back to your pew.
- As you return to your pew you should walk close to the wall to provide social distancing from those in the pews

DEPARTURE PROCEDURES

- We will exit the church only through the glass doors of the parish hall immediately after Mass to facilitate preparations for the next Mass. Be sure to maintain a 6-foot social distance as you exit and walk to your cars.
- A Collection Basket is available near those doors.
- Please make sure you take all your belongings as you leave because sanitization of the church will begin immediately.