

# **St. James the Apostle – WEEKEND (Sunday) 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 St. James Weekend Mass. (The protocols for Weekday 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](http://www.stjamesapostle.com)

**YOU MUST SUPPLY YOUR OWN MASK and masks must be worn by everyone age 10 and older when you are outside of your vehicle on our campus.**

## **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

- Mass times will be Saturday at 4 pm; Sunday Mass times are 8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:00 am.
- You must be wearing a mask to be permitted into the church for Mass. **(PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN MASK)**

## **PLAN BEFORE YOU ARRIVE**

- Take your temperature and avoid coming to church if your temperature is 99.6 or greater.
- Restrooms are open for emergencies only; children must be accompanied by an adult.
- A mask is required to be worn during the reception of Holy Communion. **(PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN MASK)**

## **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 only.
- In order to facilitate social distancing of 6 feet or more between individuals (households are considered one group) during Mass, Mass Ambassadors will help guide everyone to their seats.
- For those who would feel more comfortable attending Mass in your car we will be broadcasting the audio of the Mass. When you park you will see instructions on how to dial into the audio broadcast. You will come to the courtyard overhang area to receive Holy Communion.
- Collections will take place as you enter the church. But we encourage everyone to make use of online giving. You can visit our website for more information about online giving.

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## DURING 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.
- Follow the directions of the Mass Ambassadors.
- 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 only through 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.
- Please throw away or keep your liturgy sheets. Do not leave them on your seat.
- A Collection Basket is available near those doors for your offering.
- Please make sure you take all your belongings as you leave because sanitization of the church will begin immediately.