



**COVID-19
PHASE ONE IMPLEMENTATION
LIMITED RESUMPTION OF MASSES**

May 8, 2020

In order to resume regular Masses with a reduced capacity on May 11, 2020, Christ Our King will implement the following protocols provided by the Bishop of Charleston.

1. **Signage** at the door will state the following:
 - Worshipers who are sick should not enter the building,
 - Worshipers are to use the restroom only if absolutely necessary,
 - Worshipers will receive Communion in the hand.
2. **Parish activities** will be limited to the sacraments only.
3. **Socializing** before or after Mass will be prohibited; parishioners will be reminded to avoid gathering outside the church and in the parking lot. Priests, deacons, ushers, and staff will be unable to greet parishioners before and after Mass. There will be no greeters.
4. **Attendance** will be limited to **25% of pew capacity**.
 - Beginning May 14, a **weekly Thursday 9 AM e-mail message** will be sent to parishioners via Flocknote. The e-mail will contain a link to a reservation form. **90 seats** will be available at each of the **6 weekend Masses (including a newly added Mass on Saturday at 4 PM)**. Reservations will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis.
 - A **weekly reservation list** will be posted on social media and sent via e-mail before the weekend.
 - Parishioners will sign-in on the reservation list at a table placed outside the door to the church. Ushers may not admit more than the 90 parishioners who have reservations. Lines on the pavement in front of the church will enforce safe distancing.
5. **Social distancing** will be enforced. Pews will be taped off, and signs will be posted at the end of pews in use indicating the available seats (2-3, 4-6, etc.) Floor tape will indicate 6 ft. spacing in the aisles. Members of the same household will be excused from distancing requirements.

6. **Offertory procession** is omitted. The gifts of bread and wine will be placed on the credence table. They will be brought forward by servers for the preparation of the gifts and altar.
7. **Offertory baskets** will be placed by the doorways at the end of Mass. Ushers will monitor the baskets at a safe distance.
8. **Frequently touched surfaces** in the church will be wiped down with disinfectant after each Mass. If possible, hand sanitizer will be provided at the church entrance. Cleaning will be overseen by the Facilities Manager and executed by ushers.
9. **Holy water fonts** will remain empty.
10. **Singing** will be done only by the cantor. There will be no congregational singing, due to the danger posed by infectious bioaerosols. There will be no printed order of worship.
11. **Protective masks** will be required. **Extra masks will be available at the entrance to the church.** Priests and volunteers will wear masks.
12. Per Bishop Guglielmonè's memorandum, Fr. Spencer has directed parishioners who feel sick to remain at home, as should vulnerable and at-risk populations. He has notified parishioners online and via mail that Bishop Guglielmonè has asked individuals over 65 years of age, those who have respiratory issues, and those who may be immunocompromised to **please stay home** for the time being. Parishioners will be reminded that the Bishop has granted **dispensation until further notice** to those who are uncomfortable attending weekend Mass and those who are at high risk.
13. **Liturgical Ministers** will be limited in number. The previously published Ministry Schedule has been updated and will be circulated to volunteers.
14. **Communion Processions** and **Exiting** will be regulated by ushers. Ushers will ask invite one pew at a time to stand and process single-file, alternating sides. Ushers must wear masks and maintain distance.
15. **Distribution of Holy Communion** will take place at the usual locations in this order:
 - Choir Side
 - Center
 - Altar Server Side
16. **Priests will administer Holy Communion.** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will not be required until we return to Mass with larger crowds. Priests will avoid touching the hands and fingers of communicants. Tongs or other implements may not be used.
17. The **Sign of Peace** is temporarily omitted.
18. The **Precious Blood** will not be administered to the faithful at this time. Parishioners will be reminded that Communion under the one species is complete and valid.
19. **Homebound Communion** remains suspended due to health risks. The Director of Pastoral Care and Senior Ministry will continue to keep in contact with the sick, the homebound, and seniors via phone.

20. **Outdoor Masses** at Christ Our King would be difficult to execute safely. Adequate spacing, crowd size, crowd flow, safe and reverent distribution of Holy Communion, audibility, and quality livestreaming would be difficult to achieve outside. It has been suggested that fresh air would likely give congregations a false sense of security, causing them to forget to maintain proper social distancing.
21. **Public liturgies** will be held at Christ Our King only as long as adequate spacing and social distancing can be maintained.
22. **Implementation** protocols for will evolve and change as necessary, with safety being the primary goal.
23. **Livestreaming** will continue.

MASSES with RESERVED SEATING

Wednesday

Noon

Saturday

4 PM (Livestream)

6 PM

Sunday

7:30 AM

9:30 AM (Livestream)

Noon

7:00 PM

Thank you for your faithfulness, your patience, and your continued prayers. We will get through this challenging time together. Continue to be hopeful, and place your trust in God.

May God bless you and keep you safe!

Fr. Spencer