

## **Our Lady of the Greenwood Catholic Church**

### **Attending Mass during a Pandemic**

The following procedures are recommended in order to maintain the safety of all priests, parishioners, staff and visitors. Any questions regarding this policy should be directed to the office staff.

**If you have any of the following symptoms, please do not enter the building. You can join a mass virtually and please let us know if we can be of assistance to you:**

- **Cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing**
- **Fever or chills**
- **Muscle or body aches**
- **Vomiting or diarrhea**
- **New loss of taste or smell**

#### **Before Mass:**

- Both the east and the west sets of doors will be unlocked for mass and both are to be used for entrance and exit. Please be sure to allow enough space between yourself and another person for social distancing.
- Please use hand sanitizer. Feel free to use your own or we have hand sanitizer on the walls around the narthex.
- Pews have been roped off to allow for social distancing. Please select a seat in an open pew.
- When you sit in the pew, please allow social distancing of 6 ft. between your family and other groups.
- In accordance with current directives, we have removed all missals. Please feel welcome to use your personal missal or an electronic device that provides it.
- If the church reaches our allowed capacity, you may be asked to sit in the narthex or Madonna Hall area or to attend a different mass.
- If you would like to watch the mass from your vehicle but would like to receive communion, please let an usher know of your request. Communion will be brought outside for you.

#### **Masks:**

The following is the mask protocol for each mass:

Daily 7:30 or 8:30 am masses – Masks are required to be worn and kept on throughout mass except to receive communion.

Daily 5:45 pm masses – As the attendance as these evening masses isn't as large on a daily basis this will be a mask optional mass. As mass is taking place in the church there is plenty of space to spread out to keep social distanced.

Saturday 5:30, Sunday 8 am, 10 am. 12 Noon and 5 pm – Masks are required to be worn and kept on throughout the mass except to receive communion.

Funerals & Weddings – it is recommended to wear a mask. If your group is going to be greater than 100 people we would require masks.

#### **During Mass:**

- Please allow space for social distancing of 6 ft. at all times when in any OLG property.
- When coming up to receive communion – please allow 6 ft space for social distancing and if at a mask required mass please keep the mask up until you have received the Body of Christ.
- If you would like to receive by tongue, we ask that you proceed at the end of the line to allow the priest to sanitize his hands.
- In accordance with Archdiocese guidelines we have suspended offering the Precious Blood.
- If you need to use the restroom – feel free to do so but be sure to wash and sanitize your hands. We ask that young children be escorted to the restroom.
- We have suspended the passing of the basket for collections, please place your envelope/check in the baskets that are located at each church exit.

#### **After Mass:**

- Prior to leaving the pew we ask that you spray the areas that you touched with the spray sanitizer that is provided in the pew. A light spray is sufficient.
- Please do not leave any items in the pew when you leave.
- Please do not congregate in the church, narthex, or Madonna Hall unless you are able to properly social distance.
- If you would like Holy Water, it is available during the parish office hours.