



Dear Parishioners,

We are grateful that our church is open and we are able to welcome people to Mass. A new, state-of-the-art air purifying system (REME HALO®) was recently installed in the church that not only filters the air but sends out an active purifying agent that cleanses all objects the air reaches or falls upon. We thank parishioner Al Goodrow, owner of Junction Mechanical HVAC, for this safety upgrade to our church. (Read more here: <http://www.stcatherinenorwood.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/HALO-AIR-PURIFIERS-CHURCH-2.pdf>)

In addition, people attending Mass must follow these precautions:

- Masks or face coverings must be worn while in church.
 - Exceptions: Children two and under do not need to wear masks and people for whom it is a health hazard do not need to wear masks.
 - For children between the ages of two and five, masks are at the parent's discretion.
- Use hand sanitizer when entering the church.
- Social distancing of six feet between people who are not in the same household must be maintained both inside and outside of church. Please only sit in open benches and follow directions of the ushers.
- Missals have been removed. You may bring your own, but please take it with you when you leave. Any items left behind in the benches or other areas of the church will be discarded.
- Congregational singing is discouraged.
- Holy Communion can only be received in the hand. Gloves must be removed.
- Approach the Holy Communion stations in a single file line, maintaining social distance.
- When it is your turn, lower your mask; approach the priest; receive and consume the host, and then replace your mask.
- Please leave the church when Mass has ended to allow time for sanitizing.
- Social gatherings before or after Mass are prohibited.
- If you are sick or are experiencing any symptoms of illness, please do not come to church.
- People who are in vulnerable health are encouraged to stay home for their safety.

These requirements also apply to funerals, baptisms and weddings.

Please know that Cardinal Seán's dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation will continue for the foreseeable future. Everyone is encouraged to consider their own health and personal circumstances in making the decision about whether to return to Mass at this time. Saint Catherine's will continue to live stream all Masses -- Saturday at 4 p.m., Sunday at 7 a.m., 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., and daily at 6:45 a.m. Daily Mass is at 7 a.m. on Saturday.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we work to maintain the health and safety of everyone.

Looking forward to seeing you back at Saint Catherine's,

Father Stephen S. Donohoe
Pastor