

Greetings Friends,

Thank you so much for your patience and cooperation with our return to the celebration of public Mass. We will keep using Flocknote and ask that you “sign-up” to attend Mass. As mentioned previously, for the time being, public Mass will only be celebrated at Sacred Heart allowing the opportunity for 85 people to be present at each Mass. *Please know that this number is well below the guidelines offered by the government/diocese.* St. Helena and St. Mary Mission will not resume the celebration of public Mass until additional restrictions have been lifted.

**For those signed up to attend Mass:**

- **Arrival**
  - Arrive at the church 10 minutes early and enter only through the front doors.
  - The handicapped ramp side door will be available for those needing it.
- **Wait for an usher**
  - Please wait to be seated.
- **Collection**
  - No collection baskets will be passed during Mass.
  - There will be a basket located at the front door as you enter in which you may place your offertory envelope.
  - There will also be baskets at the side doors in which you may place your envelope as you leave.
  - Please remember that online giving is also an option!
- **Seating**
  - People will be seated in the pews according to the number in their party.
  - Families will be seated in the center sections of the church. (Families may be seated next to each other in a single pew.)
  - Couples will be seated in the side pews.
  - A total of three “separate” individuals may be seated in one of the center pews.
- **Pew Missals**
  - All pew missals have been removed from the church.
- **Coming Forward for Holy Communion**
  - For those wishing to receive, please come down the center aisle and return via the side aisles.
  - If you are seated in one of the side pews, please walk to the rear of the church and come forward via the center aisle. **Do not cut across the center pews.**
  - As you reach the front of the church, please follow the direction of an usher.
- **Reception of Holy Communion**
  - Communion will be distributed at the altar rail.

- The priest will begin distribution at the statue of the Sacred Heart and work his way down the rail, repeating as necessary until all have received.
- You may receive kneeling or standing, and you may receive either on the tongue or in the hand.
- *Please consume the Host while at the altar rail and in the sight of the priest.*
- Once you have received, please return to your seat *via the side aisles only.*
- **Departure from the church**
  - Following the recessional hymn, please exit the church *via the side entrances only.*
- **Bulletins**
  - Printed bulletins are now available as you leave the church.
- **Clean-Up**
  - Following every Mass, the bishop has asked that all pews are wiped down. If you are able to assist with this, please let an usher know upon your arrival. We need four people, per Mass, for this task.
  - The process takes no more than 15 minutes.
- **General Notes**
  - You are encouraged to follow the CDC guidelines along with the guidelines set forth by the City of Lebanon. <https://lebanonnh.gov/1405/Mask-Ordinance>
  - If you are uncomfortable entering the church for the celebration of Mass, please know that you can always sit/stand outside the church. The windows will be open allowing you the opportunity to listen in. For the reception of Holy Communion, you are welcome to enter via the main doors and exit immediately, after receiving, via the side doors. Please also note that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass has been lifted by Bishop Libasci for the time being.

Peace,  
Fr. Charles