

# OUR JOURNEY BACK



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## THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GUIDES US

LIMITED MASS WITH STRICT SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES AND RULES.

### PHASE ONE

Churches have started opening up for public masses during phase one.



**PHASE ONE BRINGS SMALLER GROUPS OF HEALTHY CATHOLICS BACK (100 OR LESS)**  
In most cases, only 25% of the church space will be available per Mass.



### WHO SHOULD NOT ATTEND MASS AT THIS TIME?

Those over age 65 and/or with a co-morbidity will be encouraged to consider not returning to Mass just yet, and anyone showing any symptoms of sickness, or anyone who has a household member who is sick or showing symptoms of sickness should not come to church. In addition, anyone who does not feel comfortable attending a public gathering should stay home.

### DO WE WEAR MASKS?



All local safety orders specifically relating to proper face coverings will be followed.



Holy water fonts will be empty, and hymnals removed.



A modest amount of hand sanitizer will be available at all churches to those who do not bring their own.



People will be instructed to not engage in any physical touch, such as by greeting each other.



### WE WILL OBSERVE SAFE PRACTICES

Signs and other instructions will encourage normal safe practices necessary to avoid the spread (e.g. cough or sneeze into a shirtsleeve, handkerchief, or tissue; avoid touching the eyes, nose, and mouth).



### CHURCHES WILL BE CLEANED

The church will be thoroughly sanitized/cleaned regularly throughout the day, including all entryways and doors.



### LESS PEOPLE AND MORE VENTILATION

Ventilation will be increased with windows and doors open when possible.



### HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE DISTRIBUTED

The sign of peace and distribution of the Precious Blood is suspended.



### ATTEND ANY DAY NOT JUST SUNDAY

Since the Sunday obligation has been dispensed from, Catholics will be encouraged to attend other Masses during the week instead of on Sunday, in order to spread out the number of people attending. There will be an effort to add additional Masses in an attempt to accommodate everyone who desires to attend Mass during this phase.



Bishop Vann has granted a temporary dispensation which will permit priests to celebrate Mass outside the sacred space of a church building.