

St. Anthony Mission COVID-19 Information

Dear St. Anthony Family,

During this time of uncertainty, we want you to know that we are thinking about each of you and taking steps to protect our parish family. We received the following guidance from the Diocese of Charleston:

- *Most importantly, if you are ill, are in one of the classes that is at-risk, or you feel you should not attend Mass, the bishop has granted dispensation from Mass attendance.*
- Adjustments to normal Mass routines:
 - Holy water has been removed
 - Missalettes have been removed. If you want to follow along with the readings, it is acceptable to use your electronic device. You can get the readings at: <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/>
 - If you picked up a bulletin, please take it with you
 - There will be no sign of peace; please do not hold hands during the Lord's Prayer
 - Precious Blood is suspended until further notice
 - There will be no offertory procession
 - Eucharistic Ministers will continue to sanitize their hands before and after communion
- During your normal routine, please follow CDC guidelines to protect yourself from transmission of the virus, including:
 - Stay home if you are sick
 - Wash your hands often with soap and water
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
 - Avoid close contact with people who are sick
 - Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
 - Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue and then throw the tissue away. If a tissue is not available, cough or sneeze into your sleeve
- You are not obliged to attend Mass if you are sick and staying home can be an act of charity towards your fellow parishioners. If you cannot attend, you are encouraged to watch the Livestream of our 11:00 a.m. Mass at www.sgg.cc. Click on the red MASS LIVE STREAM button on the right side of the screen. You can also find Mass times on EWTN at www.ewtn.com/tv/schedule.

As in all situations, the best thing we can do is pray.