

Guidelines for Sunday Masses
St. Dominic's Church
June 21, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Dominic's,

Thanks be to God, we are finally able to celebrate Mass in our church once again! Attached to this email you will find a list of the guidelines for attending Mass at St. Dominic's this coming Sunday. As you can see, there are many requirements due to the guidelines given us by our local government and the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Our most important goal is to provide for the health and safety of all our parishioners.

May the Lord reward you for your perseverance during these difficult times. I appreciate your patience with this process as we slowly reopen our parish church. I look forward to seeing many of you this Sunday!

--Fr. Roberto

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas de Santo Domingo:

¡Gracias a Dios, finalmente podemos celebrar la Misa en nuestra iglesia otra vez! Adjunto a este correo electrónico encontrarán una lista de las directrices para asistir a Misa en Santo Domingo el próximo domingo. Como pueden ver, hay muchos requisitos debido a las directrices que nos dieron nuestro gobierno local y la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles. Nuestro objetivo más importante es proporcionar salud y seguridad a todos nuestros feligreses.

Que el Señor les recompense por su perseverancia durante estos tiempos difíciles. Agradezco su paciencia con este proceso a medida que reabramos lentamente nuestra iglesia parroquial. ¡Espero ver a muchos de ustedes este domingo!

--P. Roberto

Important Information for All Parishioners:

1. The dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation has been extended by Archbishop Gomez until further notice. Also, we will continue to provide Sunday Mass on the internet during this time for those who cannot attend physically to church.
2. For those in a vulnerable group (age 65 and above or with any compromising health condition), you should refrain from coming to church at this time.
3. For those of you who care for or work with someone who has COVID-19, we ask you to refrain from coming to church at this time.
4. If you are healthy but you are anxious, apprehensive, or in any way worried about your health or the possibility that not every single person may follow all prescribed procedures, then it is best to refrain from coming to church at this time. That is perfectly understandable.

Reservations for Mass

1. Seats may be reserved for Mass by going to our website (www.saintdominics.org), clicking on the yellow "Eventbrite" box and following the instructions, or by calling the parish office (323.254.2519).
2. Up to four people will be allowed per reservation. If there are more than four in a family, someone else must make the additional reservation.
3. Parishioners who register online must print out their online reservation and present it at the sign-in table in order to enter the church. Those who have reserved their seat by phoning the rectory will need to stop by the sign-in table to have their name confirmed on our reservation list.
4. Reservations must be made from Tuesday through Friday 5 p.m. for the following Sunday.
5. Parishioners who have not reserved a seat must sign in before entering the church.
6. No more than 100 people will be allowed entry into the church – including ministers, lectors, and priests.
7. We will have 75 seats for people who have reserved online or by calling and 25 seats for the liturgical ministers and those who have not reserved a space. They will be allowed to enter first-come-first-served up to the maximum of 100 total allowed.

The Sign-in and Entry Process

1. Parishioners should arrive 20-30 minutes before Mass because of the entry process (health check, sign-in, drop off donation for collection, sanitize hands, wait to be seated).
2. Three volunteers will be at the sign-in table outside entry door: one checking the reservation ticket and signing in parishioners, one checking body temperature and sanitizing parishioners' hands, and one supervising the donation basket.
3. Inside the church two more ushers or volunteers will seat the parishioners.
4. Collection baskets will be placed at entry and exit doors and closely supervised by ushers or volunteers.
5. There will be only one entry door and two exit doors. Entry will be at the southeast corner of the church by the Dominicans' garage. At the end of Mass, parishioners may exit through this same door as well as the door by the organ on the west side of the church.
6. All attendees will sanitize their hands upon entry to the church.
7. All the doors will remain open for ventilation during Mass, but please remember that entry will only be through the one door at the southeast corner of the church by the Dominicans' garage.
8. Signs will be posted at entry and exit indicating proper social distancing guidelines and requirements.
9. Sanitizer stations will eventually be located inside the Church. Until then, ushers and volunteers will have spray bottles with sanitizer.
10. One bathroom for each sex will be available to the assembly during Sunday Mass.
11. Holy water fonts will remain empty
12. There will be no hymnals, missalettes or envelopes in the pews.

Seating and Social Distancing Requirements

1. Every other pew will be roped off to ensure social distancing
2. Only two non-related persons per pew.
3. Six feet of personal space will be observed at all times.
4. All attendees are required to wear masks throughout the Mass.
5. Only a sacristan and the priests will be allowed access into the sacristy.
6. Lectors are required to review readings prior to coming to Mass.

During Mass

1. Young children must be supervised and remain in their pew throughout the Mass.
2. At the Offertory, there will be no presentation of gifts from assembly.
3. There will be a covered ciborium placed on the altar with hosts for the congregation. This way the priest won't have to wear a mask while saying the Eucharistic Prayer.
4. At the Sign of Peace, gestures of peace will be limited to waving or nodding.
5. After the Sign of Peace, the presider will make the announcements, say the concluding prayers and give the final blessing for the Mass.
6. For Communion:
 - a. After giving the final blessing, the presider will say the Lamb of God, "Behold the Lamb of God," and then Communion will take place.
 - b. Therefore, once a parishioner has received communion or a blessing they must leave the church and go directly to their car without going back to their pew or gathering outside the church to socialize.
 - c. There will be no Precious Blood offered to general assembly
 - d. Communion must be received by hand only;
 - e. Distribution of the host will be done by the priest and one other minister;
 - f. Communion ministers, including the priest, will receive communion then sanitize their hands before giving out communion to the congregation.
 - g. The priest and communion minister will wear a mask while giving out communion.
 - h. Communicants will line up from the front to the back, observing 6 feet of space from the person preceding them in line.
 - i. The communicants will wear their mask as they come forward, lay their hands open flat to receive communion, step to the side and then remove their mask to consume the Body of Christ.
 - j. Parishioners who do not want to attend Mass in the church may remain in their cars in the parking lot and watch the live-streamed Mass. For Communion, they may enter the church, stop by the sign-in table to get a health check, sign-in, drop off their donation for the collection, sanitize their hands, enter the church, receive communion and then immediately return to their cars.

After Mass

1. People shall go directly to their vehicles and leave the premises in a timely and orderly fashion without forming clusters for conversation.
2. Teams of volunteers will then clean the pews for the next Mass using adequate cleaning supplies.