



Dear Friends...

The Most Reverend Edward J. Burns, Bishop of Dallas, informed the priests of the diocese that the March 2020 dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and other Holy Days of Obligation, will be revoked effective Sunday, November 28, 2021 (the first Sunday of Advent). The full decree from the bishop is attached for your review.

To accommodate an anticipated influx of attendees, to make all parishioners feel safe, and to make it easier for those who have been away from the church to come back to attend Mass on Sundays (as well as the corresponding Saturday Vigil Mass and Holy Days of Obligation) All Saints Parish announces the following plans which will go into effect **starting at the Vigil Mass on Saturday, November 27.**

- Masks
  - We remind all parishioners that **wearing face masks at church is highly encouraged**, especially for those who are not vaccinated.
  - **Section E** (the section between the choir area and aisle nearest the family room) **will be restricted to only those wearing masks.**
- Receiving Communion
  - Reception of the Precious Body in the open hand is still preferred.
  - Those who wish to receive communion on the tongue are asked to wait until the end of the communion procession, **proceed to the center aisle and only receive from the priest or deacon.**
  - As per the letter from the bishop, reception of the Precious Blood from the cup is still suspended.
- Air circulation and sanitization.
  - HEPA filters will be installed in the family room and the chapel. The doors from the narthex to these two smaller rooms will be kept open to enhance air circulation.
  - We will continue with our normal sanitization of surfaces in all areas of the parish facility.
  - Hand Sanitization stations are set up at all entrances to the church and nave as well as the credence table for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)
- To accommodate increased crowds and offer additional options to participate in Mass.



- The 9 am and 11 am Masses will be live-streamed to Fellowship Hall and the Narthex
  - The Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) with the traveling ciborium (currently handling the chapel and mobility challenged) will also help in the narthex if needed
  - Additional EMHCs will be available to bring communion to those in the Fellowship Hall.
  - Coffee and Donuts and other events currently scheduled in Fellowship Hall will be moved to the gym if needed.

**Remain Ever Blessed,  
Fr. Jovita Okoli**