

## St. Theresa the Little Flower Guidelines for Celebration of the Eucharist during Covid-19

- Maintain social distance at all times, especially when entering and leaving the church
  - Use hand sanitizer upon entering the church
  - No social gatherings before or after Mass
  - Wear protective mask at all times in the church (remove for Communion only)
  - Song sheets will be distributed at each Mass and are to be discarded after Mass. Waste containers will be provided at exits.
  - Communion will be given in the hand only
  - There will be no Passing of the Peace
  - Ushers will direct those leaving the church one section of pews at a time
  - Collections will be placed in a common basket as you enter or exit the church
  - The nursery will be closed
  - Restrooms are for use only if absolutely necessary
  - Surface cleaning will be done after each Mass. (Please assist in this process!)
  - Perpetual Adoration is postponed until the Feast of Corpus Christi, June 14<sup>th</sup>
  - RCIA sacraments will take place May 30<sup>th</sup> at the 5:30pm Mass (simple Rite)
  - First Holy Communion will take place June 13<sup>th</sup>
  - The Mass will continue to be on YouTube through May 31<sup>st</sup> for those not attending
  - Daily Mass will resume in the church beginning May 11<sup>th</sup> at 9am.
  - Confirmation will be scheduled after July
  - Funerals, weddings, baptisms, ministry meetings, and Bible study classes are on hold until further notice
  - Baptism classes may be scheduled with the office
- ❖ **Mass times will be as follows: Saturday, 5:30pm; Sunday 9am and 11am.**
- ❖ **Only 275 will be allowed in the church at one time. It is recommended that seniors attend the Saturday Mass.**

If you are sick or suspect you have been exposed to Covid-19, please do not attend. It is strongly recommended that if you are in a high risk category or 65 years of age or higher you do not attend. (Ask a family member to bring you the Eucharist. The parish will assist with this process.) Reconciliation will not take place yet. For those attending Mass the Bishop has granted general absolution through the month of May. If you are not attending Mass, you may say an Act of Contrition.