

My brothers and sisters in the Lord,
As we continue through the pandemic, in consultation with the Archdiocese best practices and the recommendation of the government, we offer these responses to frequently asked questions

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How can I participate in Mass at Holy Name?

- 1) Monday – Friday 8:00 am Mass is open to the public in the main church and livestreamed on our parish website. Afterward, the Mass is accessible through the website archive. Registration is not required; however, masks and self-regulated social distancing are required. The church will remain open for private prayer until noon. Please note: parking lot doors open at 7:45 am.
- 2) Weekend Masses Saturday at 4:00 pm; Sunday at 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 12:00 pm. are open to the public. Please register through the link on our homepage. Masks and self-regulated social distancing are required. The Sunday 10:00 am is also livestreamed on our parish website and archived afterward.
- 3) Registered attendees must arrive no later than five minutes before Mass begins. At that time empty seats will be available to walk-in attendees on a first come, first serve basis. Walk in attendees must provide name and contact information.

How do I participate in weekend Mass?

- 1) A reservation is required to attend a weekend Mass. Mass attendance will be capped at 115 persons.
- 2) Beginning the previous Monday, reservations can be made on our parish website – click on “Mass Sign-up” – or by calling the parish office (248-646-2244).
- 3) Reservations close Friday at noon.
- 4) Registered attendees must arrive no later than five minutes before Mass begins. At that time empty seats will be available to walk-in attendees on a first come, first serve basis. Walk in attendees must provide name and contact information.
- 5) Check your temperature before coming and please stay home if you have a fever.
- 6) A mask is required to enter the building.
- 7) Plan to enter through the parking lot entrance. All other doors will be locked.
- 8) Doors will be unlocked no later than 15 minutes before daily Mass begins and 30 minutes before weekend Masses.

What will be different about Mass?

- 1) During this time we must refrain from the customary greeting, presentation of gifts, and sign of peace; nonetheless, your presence and spiritual participation remain essential.
- 2) Accommodations have been made for people with special circumstances (e.g. mobility issues, gluten intolerance, etc.). Upon your arrival, please alert the usher.
- 3) **Collection** – a collection box will be available as you enter the worship space. We are also grateful for your online donations.
- 4) **Communion** -
 - The priest or deacon will be wearing masks and will have sanitized their hands.
 - Follow the direction of the ushers, keeping proper social distance.
 - After receiving in the hand, **step away from the priest or deacon**, pull down your mask to consume the host, then replace your mask.
- 5) **Departure** - following the directives of the ushers, you will leave the Church in an orderly and efficient manner, maintaining proper social distancing. Once you have exited the worship space you will not be able to reenter.
- 6) Neither Msgr. Zenz nor Deacon McKale will be available for greeting or conversation before or after Mass.
- 7) Casual visitation must take place outside the building, observing social distancing.

How do I celebrate the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation/Confession)?

- 1) Confessions will be heard Saturday from 3:00 - 3:45 pm in the Chapel.
- 2) As you wait in the Gathering Space, please practice social distancing.
- 3) Msgr. is also more than happy to schedule an appointment via his email (jzenz@hnchurch.org).

What if I'm uncomfortable with coming back to Church right now?

There are particular dispensations granted to people in certain circumstances, including those who are ill and those who care for anyone who is at risk of serious complications from COVID-19. For details, please read Archbishop Vigneron's Statement on the Expiration of General Dispensation by following the link on our homepage or visit: <https://www.aod.org/emergencyresponse>.

What about Baptisms, Funerals and Weddings?

- 1) **Baptisms** are scheduled for individual families by Monsignor Zenz. Attendance is limited to 15 family members. Usual times are 11:30 am, 1:30 pm or 5:30 pm on Saturdays and 1:30 pm on Sundays. To schedule a baptism please contact devey@hnchurch.org.
- 2) **Weddings** are arranged with Monsignor Zenz. Attendees will follow the same directives as those for weekend Masses (e.g. attendance limited to 150 people with reservations, masks, and social distancing).
- 3) **Funerals** are arranged with Monsignor Zenz. Attendees will follow the same directives as those for weekend Masses (e.g. attendance limited to 115 people with reservations, masks, and social distancing). The parish will not be able to accommodate funeral luncheons for the foreseeable future.

Will I notice anything different about the Church?

To ensure hygiene and protection from virus transmission, within the church limited seating is available, hymnals have been removed from the pews, hand sanitizers are available throughout the building, and guests are asked not to congregate in the sanctuary or gathering space but to visit outside the building.

Can I come and pray in the Church or Chapel during the day?

The main church will remain open for private prayer following morning Mass Monday through Friday until noon.

How do I arrange for a Mass Intention?

Please submit your Mass intentions to info@hnchurch.org or call the parish office (248.646.2244). Monetary offerings may be mailed to the parish (630 Harmon St.)

Will the parish office be open?

The office remains closed until further notice but feel free to call Monday through Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 noon.

What about events, meetings, or appointments?

Unfortunately there are no events, parish meetings, or appointments in the church until further notice. Most groups have found ZOOM Meetings to be adequate for the time being.