



The Catholic Parishes of *Athens & Meigs Counties*

Basic Guidelines for the Return of Weekend Masses

- You are strongly encouraged, but not required, to wear masks per the Bishop's instruction. If you wish to wear gloves, you may.
- Please bring your own hand sanitizer for personal use.
- Please observe the mandated 6 ft. distancing measures. Pews are marked to ensure distancing.
- Special ushers will seat you for weekend Masses. There will be no assigned or reserved seats. If there is a line to get into church, please observe distancing protocols.
- For the time being, we will not have regular greeters, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, servers, or collection ushers at Masses.
- Please avoid loitering in the Gathering Space and limit trips to the restroom as much as possible.
- Baskets will be placed at the doors for financial offerings. We encourage you to set up online giving if you are able.
- We will not have choirs, but we will have musical accompaniment when possible.
- Hymns and readings will be printed on a handout along with bulletin announcements. These will be placed in the pews before Mass. Please take these home with you after Mass.
- At the instruction of the Bishop, we will discontinue the sign of peace until further notice.
- At the conclusion of Mass, please wait until an usher dismisses you from your pew. If you wish to stay and offer a prayer of Thanksgiving, you may. In this case, we ask you to wait until the church has emptied to leave if your pew has already been dismissed. Please be mindful of our need to clean after each Mass.
- We will continue to stream Mass to our [YouTube channel](#) for those connecting with us from home. We plan to stream both the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil and the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass from Christ the King.

Communion Guidelines

- Please listen to the instructions of the priest and special ushers for distribution of Holy Communion. If you do not feel comfortable going to Communion, please do not feel obligated to do so.
- During Communion, the Precious Blood will not be offered. Low gluten hosts can be consecrated for those with sensitivity. Please let the priest or usher know before Mass if you need a low gluten host.
- The Bishop's instructions say that during this time, the faithful are strongly encouraged to receive Holy Communion in the hand. If the faithful receive Communion in the hand, masks and gloves must be removed.
- At this time, we are not permitted to distribute Communion outside of Mass.