

GENERAL CHANGES

We are limited to 50 people in the building now and hoping to expand soon to 200 (this count **includes everyone**, from Father to volunteers, as well as the congregation). To control this, we will be issuing tickets. **If you are scheduled for a liturgy, your ticket is guaranteed.** Other **family members will need to get a ticket** at our website, <https://www.stviator.org/>. Tickets will be available each Sunday at 7pm for the upcoming week.

Everyone is expected to **wear a mask throughout Mass** except when speaking at a microphone.

There is no longer the opportunity to sit in the same place each time you attend; everyone will be seated from the front to the back. (See note about Lectors, below.)

Mass will be streamlined, more like weekday than Sunday Mass. There will be no Altar Servers. All the rooms off the foyer except the restrooms are closed; likewise for the votive candles. There will be no “Reading from a letter . . .” (epistle) and there will be limited singing.

You will **check in** on the podium in the choir area.

Please note that the procedures may change – keep an eye on your email, including the Junk Mail folder.

LECTORS

- There is **only one Lector per liturgy**. You will be the only one using the ambo for that liturgy and it will be sanitized after the service.
- You will **sit in the choir area** to allow quick access to the ambo. (There will only be a single musician and Cantor.)
- You **will NOT process in or out**. Father alone will enter from the rear sacristy.
- After you **proclaim the first reading, you will say the Responsorial Psalm** (also found in your Workbook). Just like the Cantor normally does, raise your arms when it is time for the congregation to respond with the (spoken) refrain. You don't have to put the binder under the ambo since Father will use his own podium
- You will **return to the ambo** during the renewal of Baptismal vows (replacing the Creed, following the homily) **for the Intentions** (“Lord hear our prayer”).
- You must sign and bring in the attached release each time you proclaim.

EMs

- There is **no Principal Eucharistic Minister (1C)**. Father will prepare the ciboria and everything will be on the altar as Mass begins. He will also clean them.
- Communion will be in the form of **bread only**. The number of **EMs** needed per Mass is **just three right now and will go to six** when we increase the congregation.
- **Communion will be distributed by the exit doors** as the congregation will exit immediately after receiving the Host or a blessing. For now, we are using the south and north doors only (by the choir and baptistry).
- We will also distribute Communion to our overflow crowd in the Parish Center, where we have a new closed-circuit system and giant screen.
- **The “Lamb of God” will be spoken, not sung**. Depending on where you are sitting, you may need to make your way to the sanctuary with the beginning of the Sign of Peace. Sanitize your hands at the table directly behind the altar.
- Once in the **sanctuary**, be careful to **distance yourself** from one another. **EMs distributing in the Parish Center** should be the first two to Father’s left as you face the altar so they may receive their ciborium first.
- **Ushers will guide the congregation to you** and provide sanitizer to each communicant.
- To provide distancing, you will stand behind one end of a gift table, the communicant at the other
- Even more important than before, **do not touch anyone with a blessing**. Fr. Rinn doesn’t even raise a hand, he just says the words.
- **Gently drop the Host** into the communicant’s hands.
- **If you accidentally touch someone**, get sanitizer from the usher.
- When you are finished, **return your ciborium to the altar**.
- EMs in the Parish Center will distribute in the back, by the inner doors. The tables are set up and ushers will help guide you.

