

Ushers for weekend Masses

Thank you,

Thank you for being our ushers this weekend. I just wanted to touch base with you again to let you know what will be your task at hand for greeting at the weekend Mass:

1. Arrive 20 minutes early. Check in with the Sacristan. No need to enter the sacristy.
2. Make sure you are wearing your mask/face covering. Have hand sanitizer for yourself/family or washed your hands for 20 sec. prior to coming. We will not have hand sanitizer available.
3. Please take a look at how the pews are marked off for seating and the floors. We have prepared them for social distancing for communion.
4. Be aware that all hymnals, all children's books and Mass boards have been removed.
5. ALL entering the Church will be requested to have a face covering. Signs are posted on the main Church doors.
 - a. Bishop Folda released an updated memo June 12, 2020. On the mask issue he stated: "Masks are still highly recommended as a measure to protect others, but they may not be required."
 - b. Fr. Bill has stated in the bulletin: "I request all to wear a mask, as a sign of charity, since the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention states: "a cloth face covering may not protect the wearer, but it may keep the wearer from spreading the virus to others." Knowledge that all present will be wearing masks may serve to help encourage the return to Mass of which the bishop speaks in his memo to us priests referenced above."
 - c. **With that being said; you may ask a person to wear a mask, however, if they say no, you cannot make them leave.**
6. When the entrance song begins, leave the doors open.
7. The collection will be collected with the long arm baskets. Pick them up by the sacristy door.
8. No gifts/collection will be brought to the altar. Ushers will bring the collection to the sacristy. One usher will stand at the sacristy door to assure that the sacristan places the collection into the bag and puts it into the safe.
9. At communion time:
 - a. The Presider will be the only one distributing communion.
 - b. The center pews will be the first to receive the Body.
 - i. Start at the front, one row at a time considering the 6 ft. distance
 - ii. The Presider will then move to the side pews. The ushers on that side will release 1 pew at a time as well.
 - iii. The Presider will then move to the musicians (ushers need not assist with this)
10. You will dismiss the pews from the back of the church to the front.
11. No bulletins will be handed out after the Mass. They will be available for the parishioners to pick up by the doors or on the small table (that was used for the worship aids).
12. All greeters and ushers are asked to help do a quick spray down and wipe of the pews. Come to the sacristy door after Mass to pick up what is needed.

Thank you again for your time and talent you give to Nativity Church.