

Warm greetings from Mission San Diego!

As the reality of COVID-19 continues to impact us, we continually make adjustments as various restrictions are revised. We would like to review and update some of the protocol as we gather for Liturgies and various other activities that begin to roll out slowly:

1. Face masks/covering continue to be required during all Masses and activities while on Mission property. This includes office visits and visits to the Mission Church, Saints Francis Center, La Capilla and the Gift Shop;
2. Practicing Social Distancing (6 feet) remains a requirement;
3. At all outdoor Masses:
 - a. Chairs are arranged in groupings of 1-2 & 3. Please sit in a grouping that coincides with the number in your party. If you have more than 3 in your party, you are welcome to move more chairs together. We need to maximize our seating capacity during Lent and as the weather gets warmer. Ushers may remove and relocate seats that are unused. Do not take up the use of a chair with your belongings;
 - b. **During Communion, we ask that you follow the directions of the ushers. We are implementing a slightly different Communion procession procedure.** The two seating sections directly in front of the altar will proceed to the center aisle, and then to the two Communion stations closest to the altar. At the same time, the two side sections will be directed to the two outer Communion stations. Please be patient, as this is not a perfect system. Be mindful that you are approaching the Eucharist, thus a true spirit of reverence and devotion is most appropriate;
 - c. As you approach the Communion Station, make a reverent bow and remove your mask before receiving. Receive the host in the palm of your hand, consume immediately and replace your mask as you depart;
 - d. Even those who do not receive Communion are asked to take part in the Communion procession and depart. Everyone, bring your belongings with you and DO NOT return to your seats after receiving Holy Communion so the maintenance crew can sanitize the area. If you wish to have time for private prayer after the conclusion of the Liturgy, the Mission Church is open after all Masses;

- e. Even though weekend Masses are outside, we do not allow animals on Parish grounds that are not *Service Animals*;
 - f. Your participation through singing is encouraged;
 - g. For those who gather to socialize after Mass near the main fountain, please practice social distancing and refrain from loud noise until the distribution of Communion is completed.
4. At the 7:00am daily Mass at SFC and at all Masses in SFC:
- a. there should be **THREE SEATS** between non-members of the same family/household;
 - b. If you come to Mass alone, sit at the end of an aisle, in order to maximize our seating capacity and enable two other singles to sit in the same row;
 - c. If two or more from the same household are in a given row, there will only be room for one other party in that row;
 - d. The four sections in front of the altar come to Communion first, then the side sections and then the back section;
 - e. Even those who do not receive Communion are asked to take part in the Communion procession and depart. Bring your belongings and do not return to your seat and exit through the side doors.

We continue to be grateful for your spirit of cooperation, patience and support. God bless and keep you safe!