

**Physical Spaces*****Indoor***

1. No indoor baptisms are permitted at this time.
2. No church building, permanent or temporary, including the parish hall, school classrooms, school and parish offices may be used for any baptism.

***Outdoor***

1. Provide sufficient on-site security to ensure maximum safety of parishioners during outdoor services; ushers should not serve in both capacities.
2. Designate an usher/volunteer to oversee a first aid kit, including sufficient bottles of water, should an emergency arise due to summer heat. Ensure that the usher/volunteer possesses a cell phone to Dial 911, should it be necessary.
3. Ensure outdoor attendees do not exceed 100 persons maximum at each service.
4. Use of parish parking lot is permitted only for the seating and spacing of congregants; attendees may not remain in vehicles while attending Mass nor receiving communion.
5. Provide outdoor water misting systems if possible; utilize either PVC piping or appropriate rubber hosing, which can be permanently affixed to building eaves. Do not affix misting systems to portable canopies, tents, Eazy-Ups, etc.
6. Maintain social distancing between all attendees of six (6) ft. minimum, except those that reside in the same household, by spacing chairs/seating six (6) ft. apart. If benches are used for seating, mark them as you would the church pews by taping seating areas six (6) ft. apart, ensuring all seating is stationed on flat surfaces.
7. Require face masks at all times, by all attendees, with the exception of those under two years of age and younger.
8. Ensure that sanitizing teams are in place and scheduled to sanitize chairs, tables, benches, or any other outdoor hard surface used during each outdoor service.
9. Allocate sufficient time between outdoor services for cleaning and disinfecting.
10. Mark the flow of traffic to the outdoor area, by taping or posting six (6) ft. spacings wherever possible by utilizing standing signage posts, tripods, or other stationary devices, including but not limited to safety cones, guard ropes, or colored safety tape.
11. Configure parking spaces to ensure six (6) ft. separation by closing or marking every other space.
12. Install outdoor portable restrooms, if possible; if not, ensure that interior building restrooms are closely monitored and thoroughly sanitized after each use.
13. Close all exterior drinking water fountains and any decorative outdoor water elements.
14. Install sun canopies, portable tents, Easy-Ups, or similar portable overhead protections; such enclosures must be open for full air circulation on at least two sides. Ensure that all installations are securely anchored.
15. Post signs in highly visible locations (e.g., entrances, exits, foyers) reminding congregants of social distancing requirements; incorporate non-slip yellow tape in areas where trip and falls may be an issue.
16. Post signs in all restrooms, including any portables used that describe proper handwashing, sanitizing, and personal hygiene practices.
17. No outdoor fans or air circulating devices are permitted.

## Pastoral Directives

1. Baptisms are encouraged to be administered outside the celebration of Mass; however, in cases of pastoral necessity, within Mass is permissible.
2. Priest/deacon must wear face mask during the entire baptismal celebration, including during the Liturgy of the Word.
3. The Rite of Reception of a child may take place with the immediate family, including godparents, seated in the front row; all others must respect the six (6') ft. physical distance within their assigned seats.
4. The baptismal candle and white baptismal garment should remain with the family, until such time as they are needed within the liturgy.
5. Place a pitcher/container of water on a table, in preparation for blessing.
6. The priest/deacon should not trace the sign of the cross on the child's forehead; rather, the minister should make the sign of the cross over the child.
7. Parents may be invited to trace the sign of the cross on the child's forehead and, at the discretion of the parents, godparents may do the same.
8. Omit the anointing of catechumens with the oil at this time; rather, the priest or deacon may pray over the child: "May you have strength in the power of Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns for ever and ever."
9. Bless the water in the pitcher/container at the appropriate time of the Rite. Invite the family from their seats to the place where the baptism is to take place. Prior to inviting the family forward, the priest/deacon must wear a facemask. When baptizing, pour water from the pitcher/container directly over the child's forehead, while using the trinitarian formula.
10. Dispose of the excess water properly, sacrarium or earth, after the liturgy of baptism is completed.
11. Invite the family to return to their seats after the baptism.
12. Complete the post-baptismal anointing with cotton on the crown of the head with the sacred chrism; properly dispose of the cotton after the baptism. If more than one baptism is conducted at the same liturgy, a fresh cotton ball must be used for each anointing.
13. If a separate baptismal garment or stole is to be provided during the clothing with the white garment, the family is to place it on the child while the priest/deacon offers the accompanying prayer. This may be omitted, since most children wear a white baptismal gown to the baptism.
14. Invite the godparents to retrieve the baptismal candle from its location, and to approach the Paschal Candle. Neither candle may be lit in the outdoors. After presentation of the baptismal candle, the godparents should return to their seats, near the newly baptized child, while the priest/deacon offers the accompanying prayer.
15. Omit the Ephphatha Rite, including prayer over ears and mouth, at this time.
16. Bless the mothers and fathers, prior to the final prayer, but at a distance.
17. Photographs may be permitted briefly, immediately after the liturgy with only the child, parents and godparents. If priest/deacon is requested to join the photograph, he may do so maintaining a separation of six (6) ft.

18. Allow flowers to be placed at, not on the altar.
19. No open flame candles are permitted outdoors; LED candles may be used.
20. Avoid all physical contact before, during and after baptismal services between and among guests; no handshaking; no embracing; or personal blessings.

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### Physical Spaces

#### *Indoor*

No indoor confessions are permitted at this time.

No church building, permanent or temporary, including the parish hall, school classrooms, school and parish offices may be used for confession.

#### *Outdoor*

1. Ensure the penitents in waiting do not exceed 100 persons maximum; continue online registration to avoid reaching the 100 persons maximum awaiting confession in lines.
2. Provide sufficient on-site security to ensure maximum safety of penitents outdoors; ushers should not serve in both capacities.
3. Install sun canopies, portable tents, Easy-Ups, or similar portable overhead protections; such enclosures must be open for full air circulation on at least two sides. Ensure that all installations are securely anchored.
4. Designate an usher/volunteer to oversee a first aid kit, including sufficient bottles of water, should an emergency arise due to summer heat. Call 911, if necessary.
5. Use of parish parking lot is permitted only for the seating and spacing of penitents while awaiting to be called for confession.
6. Maintain social distancing between all attendees of six (6) ft. minimum, except those that reside in the same household, by spacing chairs/seating six (6) ft. apart. If benches are used for seating, mark them as you would the church pews by taping seating areas six (6) ft. apart, ensuring all seating is stationed on flat surfaces.
7. Provide outdoor water misting systems if possible; utilize either PVC piping or appropriate rubber hosing, which can be permanently affixed to building eaves. Do not affix misting systems to portable canopies, tents, Easy-Ups, etc.
8. Require face masks at all times, by all attendees, with the exception of those under two years of age and younger.
9. Ensure that sanitizing teams are in place and scheduled to sanitize chairs, tables, benches, or any other outdoor hard surface used during for confession.
10. Mark the flow of traffic to the outdoor area, by taping or posting six (6) ft. spacings wherever possible by utilizing standing signage posts, tripods, or other stationary devices, including but not limited to safety cones, guard ropes, or colored safety tape.
11. Configure parking spaces to ensure six (6) ft. separation by closing or marking every other space.
12. Install outdoor portable restrooms, if possible; if not, ensure that interior building restrooms are closely monitored and thoroughly sanitized after each use.
13. Post signs in all restrooms, including any portables used that describe proper handwashing, sanitizing, and personal hygiene practices.
14. Close all exterior drinking water fountains and any decorative outdoor water elements.
15. Post signs in highly visible locations (e.g., entrances, exits, foyers) reminding penitents of social distancing requirements; incorporate non-slip yellow tape in areas where trip and falls may be an issue.
16. Allocate sufficient time after close of confessions for cleaning and disinfecting.
17. No outdoor fans or air circulating devices are permitted.

## **Pastoral Directives**

1. Determine the optimum location(s) outdoors for the sacrament to be administered, ensuring as much penitent privacy as possible.
2. Determine the hours and location for confession; scheduling appointments, via online registration, is recommended.
3. Acknowledging the 100 person maximum outdoor occupancy, confessions may be scheduled for more than one priest, if necessary, by designating separate, outdoor penitent areas on church property.
4. Install an impermeable physical barrier between the penitent and confessor, if desired.
5. Maintain at least twelve (12) ft. separation between each penitent, to ensure privacy.
6. Remind penitents to refrain from any physical touching such as handshakes, embraces, kissing, etc. between them and their confessor.
7. Ensure confession does not exceed ten (10) minutes, affording sufficient time for sanitizing confessional area between penitents.
8. Mark chairs/benches in order to maintain a six (6) foot physical distance between those awaiting confession.
9. Permit the penitent to return to an outdoor “canopied” prayer area for private prayer/meditation, if church property space permits.
10. Ensure chairs/benches are properly marked for social distancing within the designated prayer area. A portable crucifix or prayer altar may be included.
11. Limit the penitent’s post-confession prayer time to 20 minutes, thereby ensuring that the maximum on-site occupancy limit is followed.
12. Assign an “on-site” monitor/coordinator to ensure that these sacramental guidelines are followed, and to ensure directives for Physical Spaces are carefully monitored.

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