

Everyone at St. Mark's is excited and looking forward to gathering in our church building on Sunday mornings starting in May.

Worship Services will be offered at 9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

The 11:00 A.M. Service will broadcast over Zoom.

In order to ensure the safety of our community, we are offering the following guidelines for in-person worship. We hope to create more ways to be together as the summer moves along. We need everyone's compliance and support to ensure a safe and successful return to the building. Please do your part! See you in church!

### **How will I register?**

Registration links will be available through the eNews and in Realm. Links will only become available the week before the worship service and each service will have an independent link. Please be sure to register only for the service that you plan to attend – your registration is only valid for one service time. In the event of someone testing positive for COVID-19, the registrations will help with contact tracing. If you are unable to register online, please contact Niambi Mercado the week before worship to reserve your spot. For May, registrations will be capped at 40 people per service. You must have reserved your spot in order to worship in person, no exceptions.

### **Do I have to be vaccinated to attend worship?**

No, you can attend worship regardless of your vaccination status; however, we would encourage those who are not vaccinated to worship online at 11:00 A.M.

### **I have children; is there childcare for worship?**

Currently we are not able to offer childcare. We will evaluate childcare on a monthly basis. You are invited to bring your child to worship. Watch your eNews and Realm for updates.

### **What can I expect when I arrive at St. Mark's?**

We ask that you enter the building through the gathering area doors (*near stained glass window*). There you will find a greeter who will confirm your registration, give you a bulletin and check that you have a mask. Following the service, you will be asked to leave through the doors at the back of the worship space directly into the parking lot.

The single-stall bathroom will be available during both services. The Parish Hall, Kitchen, downstairs and drinking fountains should not be used.

**Will I have to wear a mask at services?**

Masks are required for all services even while sitting in family units in the pews. We hope you will bring your own mask to worship, but we will have masks available at the door. Not following this requirement will result in being asked to leave the worship service.

**What are the seating arrangements?**

Seating will be socially distanced with pews marked off. Ushers will be available to assist with seating. The space has been marked off to ensure seating as many people as safely as possible. Please do not sit in pews that have been marked off or make any adjustments to spacing/spots.

**Will there be Eucharist?**

Yes, both services will celebrate the Eucharist. To comply with diocesan guidelines, only fully vaccinated people will serve at the altar. Bread and wine will be distributed in pre-packaged cups like we have been using during COVID-19. You will come forward to receive communion at the crossing. We ask that you leave your masks on until returning to your seat. Once seated you may consume the bread and wine.

**What about coffee hour?**

In order to comply with diocesan guidelines, coffee hour may not be offered at this time. We will evaluate this decision on a monthly basis.

**Will there be singing?**

In order to comply with diocesan guidelines, congregational singing will not be permitted at this time. Lois will provide instrumental music and Jill will offer solo pieces during the services.

**What if I attend worship and later discover I have COVID-19?**

Should you develop COVID-19, please call or email Niambi Mercado so that we can contact trace those who attended the same worship service.

**If I feel unwell, should I attend worship?**

No, please worship online at 11:00 A.M.