

**PLAN FOR REOPENING LITTLE FLOWER CATHOLIC CHURCH AND THE RESUMING THE
CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC SUNDAY AND WEEKDAY MASSES AND THE OTHER SACRAMENTS
(dates subject to change due to state or local mandates)**

ASSUMPTIONS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

1. THOSE WHO ARE SYMPTOMATIC OR HAVE TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 SHOULD ALWAYS REMAIN HOME UNTIL THEY HAVE BEEN FEVER FREE FOR 72 HOURS (WITHOUT THE USE OF MEDICATION), SYMPTOMS HAVE SUBSIDED, AND 10 DAYS HAVE PASSED SINCE THEIR FIRST SYMPTOMS. THOSE WHO HAVE HAD A TEST TO DETERMINE IF THEY ARE STILL CONTAGIOUS SHOULD REMAIN HOME UNTIL THEY HAVE BEEN FEVER FREE FOR 72 HOURS (WITHOUT THE USE OF MEDICATION), SYMPTOMS HAVE SUBSIDED, AND HAVE HAD TWO NEGATIVE TESTS IN A ROW, AT LEAST 24 HOURS APART.
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fever
 - Chills
 - Muscle pain
 - Sore throat
 - New loss of taste or smell

2. THOSE WHO ARE 65 AND OVER AND THOSE WITH HIGH-RISK HEALTH CONDITIONS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO REMAIN AT HOME. HIGH RISK HEALTH CONDITIONS INCLUDE:
 - People with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma
 - People who have serious heart conditions
 - People who are immunocompromised
 - Many conditions can cause a person to be immunocompromised, including cancer treatment, smoking, bone marrow or organ transplantation, immune deficiencies, poorly controlled HIV or AIDS, and prolonged use of corticosteroids and other immune weakening medications
 - People with severe obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 40 or higher)
 - People with diabetes
 - People with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis
 - People with liver disease

3. SIGNAGE WILL BE UTILIZED TO COMMUNICATE UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS PEOPLE SHOULD NOT ENTER THE CHURCH.

4. THROUGHOUT THESE GUIDELINES PRIMARY CONSIDERATION NEEDS TO BE GIVEN TO THE HEALTH OF EACH PERSON, ESPECIALLY OUR PRIESTS, MANY OF WHOM ARE OVER 65. THIS WILL REQUIRE EACH PERSON TO ADHERE TO THESE GUIDELINES.

5. LIVESTREAMING OF THE 9:30 A.M. SUNDAY MASS WILL CONTINUE AT LEAST THROUGH AUGUST 14TH.

6. SOCIAL DISTANCING IS TO BE PRACTICED AT ALL TIMES. THIS REQUIRES 6 FT. BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS OR FAMILY OF DIFFERENT HOUSEHOLDS.
7. ALL WHO ARE ATTENDING FOR LITURGY, PRIVATE PRAYER, OR ANY OTHER FUNCTION ARE ASKED TO PROVIDE AND WEAR THEIR OWN FACE COVERING.
8. ALL WHO ARE ATTENDING FOR LITURGY, PRIVATE PRAYER, OR ANY OTHER FUNCTION ARE ASKED TO, WHEN POSSIBLE, CARRY HAND SANITIZER FOR THEIR OWN FREQUENT USE.
9. ALL HYMNALS AND OTHER BOOKS AND ANY TOYS IN THE CRY ROOM WILL BE REMOVED FROM CHURCH.
10. THOSE CONCERNED WITH RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION ARE NOT OBLIGATED TO DO SO. THEY MAY CONTINUE TO PRAY THE PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION WHICH WILL STILL BE INCLUDED FOR THOSE WHO ARE WATCHING THE LIVE STREAM. THOSE WHO ARE NOT RECEIVING COMMUNION SHOULD NOT COME FORWARD FOR A BLESSING. WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION IN THE HAND TO MINIMIZE RISK OF VIRUS TRANSMISSION AND KEEP EVERYONE AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE.
11. HOLY COMMUNION FROM THE CHALICE FOR THE FAITHFUL IS SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
12. WE WILL FOLLOW STATE GUIDELINES FOR CONTACT TRACING IF A PERSON WHO IS A CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASE HAS BEEN IN OUR CHURCH.
13. THERE WILL BE NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY UNTIL AT LEAST AUGUST 14TH.
14. THERE WILL BE NO COFFEE AND DONUTS UNTIL AT LEAST AUGUST 14TH.
15. WE DO NOT YET HAVE A TARGET DATE FOR RESUMPTION OF PARISH MEETINGS ON CAMPUS.
16. WE DO NOT YET HAVE A DATE FOR FIRST COMMUNION OR THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION FOR THOSE WHO WOULD HAVE RECEIVED THEM AT THE EASTER VIGIL.
17. THESE ASSUMPTIONS SHOULD BE WIDELY DISTRIBUTED BY MAY 17TH AND RE-DISTRIBUTED AS APPROPRIATE AS WE ENTER LATER PHASES.
18. **PLEASE NOTE. PHASE 3 INCLUDES THE RESUMPTION OF WEEKEND MASSES AND WAS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 30/31. THIS DATE MAY CHANGE BASED ON LOCAL COUNTY RESTRICTIONS. AS WE GET CLOSER TO THE RESUMPTION OF WEEKEND MASSES, FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT PHASE 3 WILL BE ADDED TO THIS DOCUMENT AND DISTRIBUTED.**

PHASE 1 – Little Flower will open for private prayer, devotions, and the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday, May 18.

- Church will be available for private prayer and devotions from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. via the side door closest to the rectory. Parishioners who need the door code should call the parish office.
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available by appointment only. Please call Fr. Bob at 317-357-8352, ext. 101.
- The adoration chapel will be available. Upholstered furniture will be removed from the chapel in favor of wooden chairs. At this time the Blessed Sacrament will not be exposed, but adoration can still take place. This is due primarily to our inability to make sure the chapel is attended during all of the hours that it will be open.
- In the event more room is needed than the chapel can accommodate, one section of pews in the main body of the church will be available for private prayer.
- Hand sanitizer will be available for use entering and exiting the church.
- Signage will be placed on the door detailing those groups of people who should not be entering the church at this time.
- Only one restroom will be available. It will be the handicapped accessible restroom in the main body of the church. The drinking fountain will not be available.
- Cleaning of frequently used surfaces will take place one or two times per day, according to traffic volume in church. This will be in compliance with CDC guidelines. This will include door handles, furniture in the adoration chapel, the section of open pews, and the available restroom.

**PHASE 2 - Parishioners will be able to attend weekday Masses beginning on Tuesday, May 19.
Please note the times of Masses in *The Theresean*.**

- The Sacrament of Reconciliation will still be available by appointment only. Please call Fr. Bob at 317-357-8352, ext. 101.
- Mass attendance limitations will be set by state or county officials. The limit will be 25 people until further notice.
- Funerals within Mass may resume, within limitations set by state and county officials. There will still be a maximum of 25 people at this time.
- Baptisms may resume, subject to the same maximum attendance numbers.
- Anointing of the sick for those not in imminent danger of death may resume.
- Seating will be limited to one section of the church that is not blocked. Only every other pew will be utilized. Also required is 6 ft. between individuals or families of different households.
- As noted previously, face coverings are strongly encouraged. Clergy and those assisting clergy are not required to wear masks, but they may choose to do so. However, they must maintain social distance.
- Holy Water fonts will remain empty.
- There will be no physical contact during the Sign of Peace.
- Special protocols for Holy Communion:
 - The person responsible for the preparation of Eucharistic elements prior to Mass must wear a mask and non-latex gloves. Once prepared they should be placed on the credence table or other space and covered until needed.
 - All vessels should be washed/sanitized after each use.
 - Ministers of Communion are strongly encouraged to wear face masks. Masks should be put on before sanitizing their hands before Communion and removed before sanitizing after Communion.
 - There should be at least six feet between communicants in procession to and from the minister. Aisles will be marked with tape to indicate the necessary distance.
 - Holy Communion in the hand is highly encouraged during this time.
 - While distributing the hosts, the minister's declaration of "The Body of Christ" should be said softly, as should the communicant's "Amen" response.
 - The faithful who receive Communion should, as best as possible, leave their mask in place, sanitize their hands before receiving, receive the Body of Christ from the minister, step to the side and consume the host by lowering or raising their mask, replace their mask, and sanitize their hands after receiving. People are encouraged to bring their own bottles of hand sanitizer to use.
 - Any person-to-person contact must be completely avoided. Hosts could be lightly and carefully dropped in well-cupped hands. If the minister makes physical contact with the communicant or to give Communion on the tongue, they should stop distribution immediately and sanitize their hands.