



As the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is reinstated, we can reasonably anticipate that more of the faithful will return to the Sunday Mass. We also hear concerns about the Delta variant of the coronavirus, so county health information is being monitored by the diocesan offices. Many who may be returning may be cautious to gather together in large numbers so the following are required and recommended to reasonably accommodate the faithful:

1. Parishes are required to reserve a section of the Church where social distancing is observed. This section should be clearly marked with appropriate signage.
2. Masks are strongly encouraged at Mass.
3. For the distribution of Holy Communion, the ordinary and extra-ordinary ministers of Holy Communion are to continue to wear a mask during the distribution of Holy Communion.
4. Until further notice, Holy Communion under the species of the Precious Blood is not to be distributed.
5. Parishioners are reminded by Bishop Ricken that the obligation to attend the Sunday Mass does not apply to those individuals who are frail due to illness or age and in their well-formed consciences believe that going into public places - including Sunday worship at Mass - would place their health in “serious jeopardy”, they too are not bound by this obligation.