

Our Lady of the Visitation Parishioners,

*Blessings to your family during these challenging times.* Please remember that **the faithful have been dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass PUBLICLY.** Following the directives of Archbishop Schnurr and the Ohio Council of Catholic Bishops of Ohio please note that the choices for fulfilling your **Sunday** obligation are:

1. Attend Mass **ANY DAY** of the week in person.
2. Attend Mass through online streaming **ANY DAY** of the week.

Those who are at risk or fearful that they or their family might become sick are encouraged to join us for streamed mass. These are found on our church website. <https://www.olvisitation.org>. These masses can be watched live or watched at a later time that is convenient for you.

In person Worship at Mass has resumed and is scheduled as follows:

- Monday - Friday 6:30 a.m.
- Saturday - 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday – 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
- Eucharistic Adoration will be held each Thursday from 1-4 p.m.

The readings for individual days will be used. The doors to church will be unlocked 30 minutes prior to the Mass time.

Please respect that each attendee has a different level of comfortability with Covid-19.

## Guidelines for In Public Worship at Our Lady of the Visitation

- We are limited to a maximum of approximately 250 people.
- Entry doors will be open for you to have a touch-free entry into church and the Nave. Because we need to count those in attendance, **ONLY** the big brown doors underneath the carport will be used for church entrance. All doors will be used for exiting.
- Hand sanitizer will be available as you enter. Please use it.
- We are requiring everyone to wear a mask. This includes people of all ages. This is for the protection of everyone around you. **IF** you are unable to wear a mask we will ask you to sit in the Welcome Center.
- We will be using every other pew in all sections. The transepts will be marked for 6 foot distance.
- No physical contact at the Our Father or Sign of Peace.
- No Holy Communion from the chalice by the faithful. Ministers of Communion will come to you and walk in the empty pews to distribute. They will be masked and will sanitize their hands prior to administering. Communion will take place only by the hands and it will be “dropped” into your hands.
- If you would like to volunteer to be a greeter, usher, or Eucharistic minister (regardless of being signed up prior) please sign up with Ken Meymann. You may call Ken at 347-2219, or email Ken [kmeymann@olvisitation.org](mailto:kmeymann@olvisitation.org).
- In order to have only one person using the ambo microphone, one reader will lector the first and second readings and the petitions.
- There will be no passed collection baskets during Mass. As you enter Church, there will be a collection basket in the main aisle. Please make use of that. We appreciate your gifts so much during this difficult time! If interested, you can sign up for online giving on our church website.
- Bulletins will be placed near doorways.

Remember, the responsibility to keep others healthy is one that we all share. If you are sick or have been exposed to someone who is sick, please do not join us for Mass. Please wear a mask and use hand sanitizer. This is for the protection of those around you. Most importantly, always be kind and patient. We are in a confusing and sometimes overwhelming situation. Your parish is doing its absolute best to help you, protect you and share our love for Christ with you. Please show your love of Christ by being Christ to others!

Questions? Please contact Ken Meymann at 347-2219, or email [kmeymann@olvisitation.org](mailto:kmeymann@olvisitation.org). We are thankful to all of our parishioners at Our Lady of the Visitation.

Sincerely,

*Fr. Mark & Public Worship Reopening Committee*