



Sacred Heart Church, Haines - COVID-19 Mitigation Plan Phase I (From May 15-22)

To reduce the chance of Virus Transmission within the church and the adjacent hall, Sacred Heart Church will adhere to the following protocols:

1. Everyone should wear a face mask in the presence of others when in the church or hall.
2. Any person with COVID-19 Symptoms may not enter the premises.
3. Signs will be posted pursuant to all State and Local health guidelines/mandates.
4. All persons within the premises will follow the approved distance requirements:
 - a. Respect the 6 feet distance rule.
 - b. Immediate household members may sit together as a family, keeping a six foot distance between their group and others.
 - c. Church pews will be marked off to ensure distancing.
5. For any and all gatherings:
 - a. Enter through the North Entrance doors.
 - b. Exit through the South doors.
 - c. Follow the posted arrows to enter seating area and to exit.
 - d. Observe distance markers on pews.
6. Seating is limited:
 - a. No more than 50 persons inside the premises.
 - b. The actual number will depend upon the size and number of household groups and the required 6 foot spacing, but the total may not exceed 50, including minister(s).
7. Open Hours of Church Premises:
 - a. Beginning June 11, 2020 the following opening hours will take effect for the rest of the month of June. The reason for this change I will be returning to Skagway for ministry Mondays through Wednesday of each week. Hours of opening Thursday through Sunday 12:00 noon to 3pm a live stream Mass will be celebrated at the opening each of these days.
 - b. Saturday and Sunday public Masses are covered in phase two of plan Mass will be done at opening
 - c. The Church will also be open and attended during any planned adoration or other prayer events.
8. No missalettes or other handout materials will be distributed or available.
9. At the conclusion of any gathering, participants will need to leave directly, and the church will be decontaminated in accordance with approved cleaning requirements. Hourly touch point sanitizing will occur.
10. If a parish employee, volunteer, or person who recently accessed the building tests positive for COVID-19, the parish will be closed for at least 72 hours to allow for the natural deactivation of the virus, followed by parish personnel performing a comprehensive disinfection of all common surfaces.



Sacred Heart Church, Haines - COVID-19 Mitigation Plan Phase II (From May 22 Until Further Notice)

To reduce the chance of Virus Transmission within the church and the adjacent hall, Sacred Heart Church will adhere to the following protocols:

1. Everyone should wear a cloth face covering in the presence of others when in the church or hall.
2. Signs will be posted regarding compliance with all State and Local health mandates and notifying those who are higher risk from COVID-19 as well as anyone with a cough, fever or otherwise feeling sick to remain at home. Signs will also be posted to promote proper hygiene and virus risk mitigation.
3. Any person with COVID-19 Symptoms may not enter the premises.
4. Hand sanitizer is available at entrances and exits. Parish staff will sanitize commonly touched surfaces on an hourly basis.
5. All persons within the premises should follow the approved distance requirements:
 - a. Respect the 6 feet distance rule.
 - b. Immediate household members may sit together as a family, keeping a six foot distance between their group and others.
 - c. Church pews will be marked off to ensure appropriate distancing.
6. For any and all gatherings:
 - a. Enter through the North Entrance doors.
 - b. Exit through the South doors.
 - c. Follow the posted arrows to enter seating area and to exit.
 - d. Observe distance markers on pews.
7. Seating is limited:
 - a. No more than 50 persons inside the premises, or less, as social distancing allows.
 - b. The actual number will depend upon the size and number of household groups and the required 6 foot spacing, but the total may not exceed 50, including minister(s).
8. Open Hours of Church Premises:
 - a. Beginning Thursday, June 11, the church will be open and attended from 12pm to 3pm Thursday-Sunday. A live stream Mass will also be broadcast during this time. this schedule remains in effect for the month of June
 - b. The Church will also be open and attended during any planned adoration or other prayer events.
9. No missalettes or other handout materials will be distributed or available.
10. At the conclusion of any gathering, participants will need to leave directly and the church will be decontaminated in accordance with approved cleaning requirements.
11. If a parish employee, volunteer, or person who recently accessed the building tests positive for COVID-19, the parish will be closed for at least 72 hours to allow for natural deactivation of the virus, followed by parish personnel performing a comprehensive disinfection of all common surfaces.



IN ADDITION, THE FOLLOWING PROTOCOLS WILL BE FOLLOWED WHEN MASS IS CELEBRATED:

1. Mass Times
 - Thursday -Sunday 12:10PM (Also live streamed)
 - Saturday – Vigil Mass at 5 PM
 - Sunday – 9:00 AM (Separate live streamed Mass at 12pm)
2. A general dispensation from the Sunday obligation still remains.
3. Please arrive no earlier than ½ hour before Mass and please leave within 5 minutes of the final blessing so we may disinfect the church.
4. Anyone who has health and safety concerns is dispensed until further notice.
5. We ask that those who are not able to attend Mass in person to use social media to attend your Sunday obligation and pray the prayer for Spiritual Communion.
6. There will be no gathering introduction or sign of peace.
7. No ministers will assist with the Mass. A Priest or Deacon will read the readings.
8. If there is singing, it will be from the front of the Church, maintaining the social distancing rule of 10 feet.
9. Communion will occur after the final blessing. While maintaining proper distancing, those not receiving communion will exit the Church following the arrows. While maintaining proper distancing, communicants will come forward in a single line maintaining 6-foot social distancing. The Priest will distribute communion next to the table with hand sanitizer. Communion by hand is encouraged. Communicants will receive communion with arms outstretched and palms face up, step off to the side six feet from the Priest, to consume the host. If the Priest makes any contact, he will stop and sanitize his hands before continuing. Communicants will then exit the church following the arrows. Communion hosts will be covered as required until dispensed. There will be no distribution of the Chalice.
10. Five minutes after the indoor Masses, a volunteer (or staff member) will:
 - Disinfect pews used by congregants – spray with a bleach solution
 - Disinfect door handles – use rags with bleach solution
 - Disinfect bathroom - Door plates, Sink handles, Toilet Seats
11. The Priest will remain available for 30 minutes after Mass to provide communion to those who have participated in Mass via social media.
12. Contributions. A closed container near the exit is available for contributions.