

Important message from the Archdiocese (July 30, 2021)

The Delta variant, which is highly transmissible, is now widespread across the United States and has quadrupled the case count this month alone. Reports acknowledge that even people who have been vaccinated may still transmit the virus and be infected by this Delta variant. Because of this, CDC has updated its masking guidance, recommending that everyone wear masks in indoor public spaces – even if they've been vaccinated.

Due to the risks of the Delta variant and our desire to protect our children and the vulnerable in our communities, we are recommending mask wearing during indoor Mass celebrations.

Given the rise in cases, it is also a good time to remind people of the safety basics:

- Do not come to Mass if you are feeling ill.
- Do not come if you have a temperature.
- Wash your hands frequently.
- Avoid "close contact" with people outside your family, which is 15 minutes of face-to-face contact within 6 feet of an infected person.
- Please wear a mask.

- Also under the direction of the Archdiocese, we now incorporate normal Mass practices back into the liturgy such as: the Presentation of the Gifts, the passing of collection baskets, and the Sign of Peace.
- Separate sections of the church will continue to be available for people who wish to remain physically distanced.
- Communion must still be received on the hand only.

- Please refrain from singing – only the musician may sing at this time.