

Dear Parishioners of OLPH,

The Diocese has announced that the churches of Brooklyn and Queens may begin celebrating weekday Masses as of Monday, June 29th, and Sunday Masses as of July 4th and 5th. Due to the restrictions on the number of people that can gather in church at one time observing social distancing, the schedule of our Masses is the following:

Weekday Masses – Monday to Saturday:

English Mass at 8:45 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. The 8:45 a.m. Mass will continue to be streamed on Facebook “OLPH Brooklyn”.

Chinese Mass at 8:45 a.m. in the upper church.

Spanish Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 7 p.m., streamed on Facebook “Charles McDonald”.

Sunday Masses:

English Masses in lower church: Saturday at 5 p.m. Sunday at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Chinese Mass in lower church: Sunday at 11:45 a.m.

Vietnamese Mass in lower church: Sunday at 3 p.m.

Spanish Masses:

- 7 p.m. Saturday in lower church – overflow Mass at 7:15 p.m. in Notre Dame Hall
- 8 a.m. in upper church – overflow Mass at 8:15 a.m. in Notre Dame Hall
- 10 a.m. in upper church – overflow Mass at 10:15 a.m. in Notre Dame Hall
- 12:30 p.m. in upper church – overflow Mass at 12:45 p.m. in Notre Dame Hall

RECOMMENDATION OF THE DIOCESE: Older adults and people who have severe underlying medical conditions are advised to stay home. Anyone who feels sick in any way MUST stay home. Parishioners are asked to take their temperature before leaving home and should stay home if the temperature is over 99 degrees. Also, please use the bathroom at home before coming to church.

When coming to church for Mass:

- Entrance on 5th Avenue only. Doors on 59th and 60th Streets are for exit only.
- Please follow the indications of the ushers.
- Only 225 people approximately are allowed in the church at the same time. The pews are marked for individuals on the 60th Street side and for families and households on the 59th Street side. When capacity is reached, we must close the doors.
- All must wear masks all during the Mass. Please bring your own hand sanitizer. Please sanitize your hands when entering the church and before receiving Holy Communion – on the Communion line.
- There will be offertory boxes for your Sunday envelopes and contributions since the ushers will not pass a collection basket.
- There will be no holding of hands at the Our Father, and no exchange of peace.

- **Holy Communion.**
 - Please approach the priest, deacon or minister in single file observing social distance on the line.
 - Sanitize your hands while on the line. Keep your mask on.
 - Communion will be given only in the hand. The priest, deacon, minister will place the host in your hand. Step aside. Lower your mask. Receive Communion. Replace your mask. Return to your place.
- There is no entrance procession nor recessional procession.
- Please leave church slowly, without crowding at the doors, observing social distancing.
- Since the church must be sanitized for the next Mass, parishioners are asked to leave church as soon as Mass is over.

This is our new “normal”, at least until Covid-19 is sufficiently eradicated. Let’s pray for that day to come soon. And let’s pray for each other as we return to the celebration of Mass with new procedures and protocols that will keep us healthy and safe in our church community.

Fr. Jim Gilmour, C.Ss.R.