

Distribution of Holy Communion Outside of Mass

General Guidelines to Observe

These Communion Services will begin May 31st.

It is important to remember that no Catholic is required to receive Holy Communion during the pandemic. This permission is for those who desire to receive Holy Communion and can safely do so.

Those age 65 or above and those with compromised immunity are encouraged to stay home.

In Christian Charity, anyone with a fever, cough or flu like symptoms should remain at home to prevent further spread of the illness.

Communicants who are able, are encouraged to participate in Good Shepherd's livestream Mass from their cars in the parking lot or from home or participate in some other broadcast Mass by means of television, online or radio before coming to the Communion Service.

Everyone is expected to wear a mask. If someone doesn't have any, one will be provided before entering church. Body temperatures will be checked before entering. As always, practice all social distancing guidelines.

All are expected to use hand sanitizer prior to entering church as well as when leaving.

Keeping with state guidance, no more than nine people may be gathered at any one time in one room, including church personnel and ministers.

No lingering in church prior to or after receiving communion will be allowed during the communion service.

Procedures for Receiving Communion

Father Jon will live stream Mass at 9:30 am Sunday Morning. Distribution of Holy Communion will follow after the Mass is concluded from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm.

Ushers will be at the parking lot entrance to greet those coming to participate in the live stream Mass from their cars. An FM station will be given for tuning into to listen to the Mass.

At communion time, we ask everyone to remain in their cars until directed by the ushers. Groups of 8 will be invited to a communion line at one time.

There will be two communion lines, one in church in the front of the sanctuary and the other in the elevator foyer. For those who wish to receive on the tongue, enter the church from the east side door and exit through the west door. The minister in the elevator foyer will give communion exclusively in the hand.

After receiving communion, people should immediately leave through the designated exit and may pray in thanksgiving in their cars or at home.

For those whose handicap does not allow them to come into church, their family member may bring communion out to them in a pyx.

Baskets will be available at each entrance for dropping off stewardship envelopes.