

**ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR CATHOLIC CHURCH SAVANNAH, GA.
GUIDELINES FOR ATTENDING MASS**

General Guidelines:

If you are sick, or uncomfortable with the guidelines below, or having reservations about coming to church at this period, please stay at home. As your Pastor, I personally encourage our elderly and the sick Parishioners not to come to Mass at this time. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended through September 23, 2020.

Social distancing is strictly maintained. Enough space is provided for everyone to maintain social distancing. Consequently, the seating capacity is limited to 48 persons per Mass - three people in every other pew. Families can sit together. The pews are marked where seating is allowed.

In order to give the Parishioners who wish to attend Sunday Mass the opportunity to do so, three Masses will be celebrated every weekend:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:30pm

Sunday Masses: 9:00am, and 11:30am

We cannot tell people which Mass to attend therefore, anyone who comes when the church has reached its maximum capacity should wait for the next Mass.

Hymnals, missalettes, envelopes and pamphlets have been removed from the pews. Please, you can come to church with your own resources.

For your protection and for the safety of others, masks are required at Mass.

The Priest, who is the Principal Celebrant, will not wear a mask and hand gloves.

Sanitizer is available for use at the entrance of the church. Please use it before coming into the church. There are also sanitizer bottles in each pew.

At the end of each Mass, the pews and the restrooms will be cleaned and sanitized before the next Mass.

The offertory collection box is placed at the back isle of the church for Parishioners/Mass attendees to put their offerings as they leave the church.

Outside the church, two people are designated at each Mass to check the temperature of everyone coming into the church. If your temperature is above 100.4 you will not be allowed into the church.

One Usher will be stationed at the entrance of the church to open the door for people to prevent everyone from touching the door handle.

Please read the information at the entrance door.

Mass:

There will be no organized choir to sing. There will be no Altar Servers, no Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist, no entrance and no offertory processions.

Lectors are to pick up a printed copy of the readings, Responsorial Psalm and Prayers of the Faithful at the Sacristy. Do not put the used copy back; please discard it or take it with you.

All previous promulgated measures remain in effect:

- The sign of peace is omitted
- No distribution of the Precious Blood – only the host (the Body)
- Receiving of the Holy Communion in the hand. If you are wearing hand gloves, please remove them before coming to receive Holy Communion.
- Do not hold hands at the Lord's Prayer

Those who are unable to come up and receive Communion should sit by the middle isle. Please do not sit in the middle of the pew or at the end by the wall.

Seating will be assigned by the Ushers, please wait to be seated. It is critical that you follow all the directions of the Ushers.

Please observe social distancing also when leaving the church. Please do not socialize outside the church.

No Unity Mass until further notice.

Morning Masses will be celebrated in the church at 8am, Wednesday through Friday.