

November 2020

**Guidelines for Attending Mass During Phase 3 of Covid-19 Re-Opening**

***UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE***

**EVERYONE REMAINS DISPENSED FROM  
THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS ON SUNDAYS  
AND HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION,  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE FROM BISHOP BURBIDGE**

**Those over the age of 60, those who are vulnerable to coronavirus infection and its serious effects, and those who are currently caring for the vulnerable, are encouraged to avoid gatherings of the general public, *INCLUDING LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS***

***THOSE WHO FEEL ILL IN ANY WAY,  
ARE COUGHING, OR ARE SNEEZING FREQUENTLY:  
PLEASE AVOID PUBLIC GATHERINGS, INCLUDING LITURGICAL  
CELEBRATIONS***

**IF YOU CHOOSE TO ATTEND A SUNDAY OR WEEKDAY MASS, PLEASE  
TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

**Space at Mass is limited by capacity and social-distancing requirements; I cannot guarantee that everyone who wishes to attend a particular Mass will gain entrance.**

**You must maintain a 6-foot distance from non-relatives throughout the Mass.**

**You are expected to wear a face covering.**

**You are expected to disinfect your hands when entering the church or parish center, and encouraged to do so again immediately before receiving Holy Communion. You are expected to bring your own hand sanitizer, which should contain at least 60% alcohol.**

**Detailed guidelines issued by the Diocese of Arlington are available in the bulletin, in the vestibule, and on the diocesan website ([www.arlingtondiocese.org](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org)).**

**THANK YOU FOR FOLLOWING THESE GUIDELINES, AND FOR  
COOPERATING WITH INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN BY THE CLERGY, STAFF  
AND USHERS WHEN ATTENDING MASS.**

**Yours in Christ,  
Father Eversole**

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**Mass and Confession Schedule for Phase 3 of Covid-19 Re-Opening**

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**All Sunday and weekday Masses will be offered  
According to our regular (pre-Covid) schedule  
(available on our bulletin and website)**

**For the 5:30 p.m. Saturday Mass,  
And the 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses,  
An “overflow” Mass, if needed, will begin in the parish center shortly after  
Mass begins in the church**

**Videos of Sunday Mass at Saint Matthew’s will continue to be posted on  
our parish website  
([www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org](http://www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org))**

**Confessions:**

**Mon./Tues. - after 8:00 AM Mass  
Wed. ----- after 11:00 AM Mass  
Thurs.----- after 6:30 AM Mass  
Fri. ----- 7:00 PM  
Sat. ----- 11:00 AM**

**The previous 4:30 PM Saturday Confessions are transferred to 11 AM until  
further notice). The priest will stay in the confessional until the line ends,  
or until 5 minutes before Mass begins, whichever come first.**

## **A Prayer to Jesus for Healing and Guidance**

Jesus. Son of God.  
you were sent by the Father  
to bear our weakness;  
be with us in this time of crisis.

Merciful Savior.  
heal and comfort the sick.  
so that with health  
restored. they may give you  
praise.

Divine Physician.  
accompany our  
caregivers  
so that. serving with patience.  
they may heal wisely.

Eternal Wisdom.  
guide our leaders  
so that. seeking remedies.  
they may follow your light.

Christ. the Anointed.  
protect us in body and  
spirit. so that. freed from  
harm.  
we may be delivered from harm.  
we may be delivered from all affliction.

Who live and reign with God the  
Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit.  
one God forever and  
ever. Amen.