# Returning to Mass



#### Welcome Home!



It's been a long time and we are all so excited to be back together!

Use this guide to help as you look forward to gathering for Mass again.

Some things will be different at different churches, so if you have any questions or need help, just ask!

#### **Helpful Information**



For now, please only attend your own parish Church.



You are not obligated to attend Sunday Mass until June 28.



Please don't come to Mass if you don't feel well.

## When you come, please bring...



Your own hand sanitizer if possible. It's OK if you don't have your own. There should be some at your church.



Your mask/face covering

## To help keep everyone healthy some things might look different.



You might be asked to use some hand sanitizer when you arrive.



The restrooms may not be open for you to use.



Instead of books, your parish may be using a paper handout for the readings and songs.

#### **Keeping our Distance**



We are still asked to stay 6 feet away from people we do not live with.



You may notice rope or markings on the pews, on the floor or signs. This is to help us keep a safe distance.



If you're not sure about something, it's OK to ask questions, or for help!

## During Mass some things might look different too.



We are asked not to hold other's hands during the Our Father prayer.



You may notice too, that there is not a sign of peace.

This might seem strange, and that's OK. You're not alone feeling that way. It is only temporary, and will help keep us all healthy.

### Receiving Communion



When you line up, use markings or signs to help keep 6 feet between you and the person in front of you.



We are strongly encouraged to receive communion in our hands.



For safety, the priest will be the only one who receives from the chalice.

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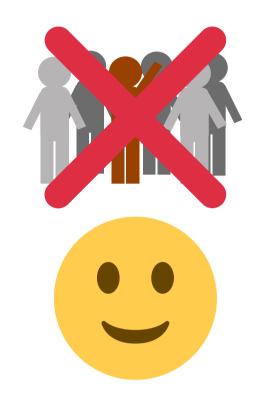


Or normally only receive from the chalice...



Talk to your pastor before you go to Mass to work out how to do that.

#### **After Mass**



For safety we can't have big groups of people gathering, but it is always OK to greet people with something like a wave or a smile.



It might seem strange for now, but we'll learn and be patient together, and God willing we will all be together again soon!