



ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI

Office of the Archbishop

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Revised Protocols for Mass and other liturgical services: Effective March 1, 2022

Given the low incidence of the corona virus in our community at this time, we are confident that we can ease our protocols.

Effective March 1, 2022, the use of masks is optional regardless of vaccination status and social distancing no longer needs to be enforced in churches.

- Offertory processions are permitted; and priests (and or deacons) may invite the people to share a sign of peace at the appropriate place in the Mass.
- However, those distributing Holy Communion (priests, deacons, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion) are asked to continue to sanitize their hands and wear a mask during distribution (for the mutual protection of the communicant and the minister of Holy Communion).
- Priests concelebrating should receive the Precious Blood by intinction, and chalice will not be offered to the faithful for the time being.

Those who feel sick (or experience flu like symptoms) should stay home and continue to follow Mass by live-stream.

The dispensation from the obligation of participation in Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation remains in effect – again for the time being.

(These changes – regarding mask protocols and social distancing – do not apply to our Schools. The Office of Schools establishes for the schools their own Corona virus procedures and protocols)

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas Wenski
Archbishop of Miami