

# **New Covid Protocols Effective April 1, 2021**

## **How these changes affect our Parish**

With the bulletin last weekend you received a copy of Bishop Taylor's letter on new protocols regarding Covid-19. The new protocols won't make many changes; below is a summary for you:

- The tape will be removed from the pews so no pews are blocked, but you will still be required to maintain a 6' distance between households.
- You will still be asked to sanitize your hands upon entry to the church and the wearing of masks is still **mandatory** while inside the building.
- Father has decided to unlock the handicapped entrance door so that those physically challenged by the sloping walkway in the front can easily enter the church. Please use the hand sanitizer on the outside wall before entering the building.
- Holy Water will be in the holy water fonts after the Easter Vigil Mass.
- We will immediately begin to schedule altar servers and sacristans. If you want to begin serving again, please contact your coordinators so they can include you in the schedule. Matt Winston is the scheduling coordinator for Sacristans (who also assist Father at the altar for weekday Masses); Michael Burton is the scheduling coordinator for altar servers for the weekend & Holy Day Masses.
- Those who wish to receive Communion on the Tongue will continue to come forward **after** Mass.
- Even though we are allowed to "pass" a collection basket, seeing we do not have enough ushers, we will continue to leave the collection baskets by the organ.
- As mentioned by Bishop Taylor, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMs) are not to bring Communion to the Sick and Homebound unless the EM has been fully vaccinated against the coronavirus or they live in the same household. Parishioners who are not sick, but remain at home out of fear of contracting the virus, may contact Fr. Amal or the Church Office to schedule reception of Holy Communion in the parking lot (without the need to leave your car).

If you have any questions, feel free to discuss them with Fr. Amal.

***Happy Easter!***