

*****OFFICIAL NOTICE*****

**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH
REOPENING OF MASSES**

With restrictions and limitations, under the guidance of Bishop Michael Barber and Contra Costa County Health Department, St Catherine of Siena Catholic Church reopening for public worship is in effect as of October 4th 2020.

Those who are sick, elderly, immune-compromised or otherwise at risk for COVID -19 should not feel compelled to attend Mass in person. Sunday Holy Mass will continue to be livestreamed on Facebook at 8:30AM and 11 AM, for those who are unable to attend Mass in person.

Until further notice, Bishop Barber continues to dispense the faithful from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days.

DAILY AND SUNDAY MASSES

Register ONLINE for Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday Holy Masses at our website www.stcmtz.org or through our Facebook link <https://OfficialStCatherineofSienaChurch>

Please carefully read the following:

Part I: Before the Mass

Reserve Your Ticket

- To ensure that we do not exceed the 100-person capacity in the church, and that no one is turned away at the door, each person attending Sunday Mass will need to reserve a free ticket. Please, visit Eventbrite to order. You can find the link on our website and Facebook Page.
- All are invited to attend one Mass per Sunday.
- Daily Mass will not require pre-registration.
- There will be three Masses celebrated effective October 10th, 2020:
 - **4:30 pm Saturday, Vigil Mass** - (Inside Church – 100 individuals Max capacity)
 - **8:30 am Sunday, Holy Mass** - Bilingual (Outdoor in Upper Yard)
 - If weather does not permit the 8:30 am Mass to be celebrated outdoors on Sunday, it will be moved into the church and will be limited to a maximum of 100 people.
 - An additional consideration will be determined with the outdoor Mass, it may be moved to the lower yard to provide protection from the cold elements of the season.
 - **11:00 am Sunday, Holy Mass** (Inside Church – 100 individuals Max capacity)
- October 25th, Spanish 1 pm Holy Mass is anticipated to begin.
- November 1st, Sunday, 7 am Solemn Mass is anticipated to begin.

Gather Worship Aids

- There will not be missalettes or hymnals available in the church. The Weekly Bulletin will have the worship aid for the Sunday Mass upon arrival, after proper sanitizing of hands. Please take them home when you leave.

Wear a Face Covering

- Guided by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), those over age 3 must wear a face mask that covers the nose and mouth.

Part II: Arriving at Church

Arrive Early

- Please arrive 30 minutes early to allow time to park and check in.

Keep Moving

- Please promptly go to and from the church.

Entrance and Exit

- Entrance: All must enter through the main doors that face Mellus Street. Entrance will be marked for social distancing.
- Exits: Please leave the church through the nearest exit.

Part III: Inside the Church

Holy Water

- There are currently holy water dispensers located at the entrance of the church. All water fonts have been emptied for safety.
- The faithful may request a small holy water bottle from the Ushers.

Escorted to Seats

- To ensure proper social distancing, Ushers will escort parishioners to reserved seats.
- Members of one household may sit together in one pew.

6-Foot Distance

- While seated, standing and walking, people who are not in the same household must remain 6 feet apart from each other.

Part IV: During the Mass

All Masses

- Only 100 people can be in attendance for indoor masses, including the Clergy and liturgical ministers.

Presentation of the Gifts

- As you come in, please drop your contributions in the basket, which will be brought up by Ushers.
- Preparation and presentation of the gifts (Bread and Wine) will be handled by the Clergy only.

Sign of Peace

To avoid contact, handshake as the Sign of Peace has been replaced with a bow of head.

Holy Communion

- Please wait for the Ushers to lead you into the communion line. At your turn, process with your mask on while maintaining proper social distancing. Please be seated or kneel after Holy Communion.
- The Precious Blood will not be available.
- You are strongly encouraged to receive Communion in the hand.
- If you must receive on the tongue, please allow for the priest or deacon to sanitize his hands after each person who receives on the tongue.

Part V: After the Mass

“Gather” on Social Media

- Even though, we should not gather outside of the church or in the parking lot for fellowship, you are encouraged to check in on Facebook to share your experience.

Download a bulletin

- Bulletins/Worship Aid are available at the church upon entering the church and outside in the clear boxes. They are also online at our website stcmz.org, or by visiting myParishapp.

Cleaning

- The high touch areas of the church will be cleaned following each mass.
- The church will be cleaned by trained janitorial staff members.