

Cathedral of Saint Paul- Mass Protocols

Entrance/Exit Protocols

Doors will be clearly marked and identified as either for **entrance** or as an **exit**.

The **upper Selby Ave. door** (by St. Peter Chapel) is an **Entrance**.

Note: The handicapped may use it in both directions, as they currently do.

The **lower Selby Ave. door** is **Exit only**. It is the one closest to the Bus Stop.

On the **Dayton Ave. side**, the upper Dayton Ave. **door nearest the Sacred Heart Chapel** is an Entrance, while the lower Dayton Ave. door is designated as an exit.

The **main doors** at the back of the Narthex are designated, one as Entrance (nearest Selby Ave.) and the other as an Exit (nearest Dayton Ave.).

Seating Protocols

The purpose of the seating map is to show where basic types of households are asked to be seated, taking into consideration that some sections are wider than others. It **spreads everyone** throughout the body of the Church, which is critical that we do. It is for illustrative purposes only. It is **not intended** to represent exact seating, as in “Row 2 of the center section is reserved for exactly four people” etc. That is NOT its purpose. Rather, it represents **two types of seating**: one for groups of **four or more**, and the other for **groups of three or fewer**.

RED SECTIONS

Larger households of related people (4 or more) are asked to sit in these sections, as the pews are **wider**. Any households 5+ people should occupy the entire pew to ensure distancing. No one else should sit in a row under than scenario. [Within five minutes of the starting time, an usher may lead a couple (2) to sit in the same open pew of a family of four, (seated at the opposite end) and the church is still under the capacity limit. In this case, proper distancing could be maintained. However, couples and individuals should not seat themselves in the **RED** sections.]

BLUE SECTIONS

The bulk of seating is intended for households with three or fewer related individuals. It is especially for couples and even singles. The back half of the main center section, though wider, is still marked blue. We are estimating the number of attendees coming from households with four or more and believe that the sections currently set aside will be sufficient. Adjustments may need to be made after the initial weekend or two. We will make necessary adjustments.

Stewardship Protocols

Located at the **four main doors** (two on Selby Ave. and two on Dayton Ave.) you will find **gold colored metal** drop boxes. Please distribute your **Sunday Stewardship** envelopes or cash in those slots, preferably before Mass. Otherwise, you may deposit them when leaving.

Distribution of Holy Communion Protocols

Holy Communion will be distributed by individual sections of pews. Please wait until a Communion distributor arrives at your section before proceeding. Maintain a distance of two pews between yourself and the nearest individual ahead of you in line who is not from your household. Distribution begins at the sections **nearest the exits** on both sides of the church, working its way to **end in the center aisle**.

Holy Communion in the Hand- the preferred method with respect to reducing the risk of potential contamination. Please extend your hands, one directly over the other, as the Sacred Host is deposited. The priest/deacon will gently and carefully deposit the host from just above the level of your open hands.

Holy Communion on the tongue- the **Celebrant alone** will distribute in this manner in the **center aisle**, **after** all the other sections have received. All other clergy will be distributing in the hand, so as to reassure any who may be concerned. Please do not approach them for Communion on the tongue.

If any skin to skin contact is made whatsoever, sanitization will take place immediately before the next communicant comes forward.

Following your thanksgiving prayer after Communion, (or blessing), please make your way to the exits, so as to avoid congregating inside the Church after Mass. We also stress the importance of social distancing upon exiting the Church.

We will make necessary adjustments as we navigate new waters. We look forward to seeing you at the Cathedral. Let us set our sights on cooperating to the best of our ability as we resume public Masses. Thank you for your cooperation.

Cleaning Procedures

If you are interested and willing, we will provide some basic training on how to sanitize the Church after Mass. Stay tuned for more information, as your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

(see Sunday Stewardship box on the following page.)

