



Dear friends,

Great news! Archbishop Pérez has announced that parishes of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will be able to resume public Masses the weekend of June 6 and 7. We at St. Rose of Lima look forward to welcoming you back! **Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus as we make our way back to the in-person celebration of the Mass.**

While our county remains in the Yellow Phase of statewide reopening, all of us need to do our part to make sure that our return to Mass is a peaceful and safe experience for all. Please take the time to read the instructions below. We ask everyone to follow these guidelines when attending Mass during this period:

GENERAL POINTS

- The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation continues to be lifted during the Yellow Phase. You are not required to attend Mass at this time.
- Please stay home if you are sick.
- Please stay home if you are at higher risk of severe illness with COVID19. If you are uncertain about your risk status, please consult your doctor and the CDC Guidelines at the link below.
 - Click here to read the CDC Guidelines for those at higher risk:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html>
- Mass celebrated at St. Rose of Lima Church will continue to be available via live-stream on Sunday at 9:30 AM at: **St. Rose of Lima YouTube channel.**

MASS and CONFESSION SCHEDULE

- Sunday Masses will be on:
 - Saturday – 5:00 PM
 - Sunday – 8:00 AM
 - Sunday – 9:30 AM
 - Sunday – 11:30 AM
- Daily Mass will resume at 8:30 AM on Saturday, June 6
- Confessions will resume at 4:00 PM on Saturday, June 6. Before entering the Church for confession, please put on a face mask or cloth covering. Please ensure proper social distancing by placing at least 6 feet between yourself and others.

BEFORE COMING TO MASS

- Please wash your hands for 20 seconds using soap and water.

- Before entering the Church, please put on a face mask or cloth covering. Exceptions to this are “children younger than 2 years old, anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious, and anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance” (CDC Guidelines).
- Please do not come to Mass if you are sick or are at higher risk for severe illness with COVID19 (see above).
- Missalettes will not be in the pews during this period. You are welcome to bring your own missal/readings with you.

ENTERING THE CHURCH

- Until further notice we will only be using the Main Entrance (Main Street) of the Church for entrance and egress.
- Hand sanitizers will be available at the Church entrances. Please use the hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting the Church.

SEATING

- When taking your seat, please honor all indicated available pews about where you may sit. Every other pew, or every third pew will be open to ensure proper social distancing.
- Members of the same household may sit together as normal. Please place 6 feet between your household and members of a different household.
- Ushers will be present to assist people with seating.

DURING MASS

- In general, liturgical singing is to be kept to a minimum during this period. The Entrance, Responsorial Psalm, Verse Before the Gospel, Holy, Mystery of Faith, Amen, and Communion will be sung. Instrumental music will be used for preludes and postludes, for the Offertory and the Recessional.
- Offertory Baskets will be located on each side of the Center Aisle at the break (middle of church), and on each side of the Center Aisle behind the rear pew. Kindly place your offering in a basket when entering or leaving church.
- There will be no Sign of Peace during Mass until further notice.
- The Precious Blood will not be distributed during Mass until further notice.
- There should be no holding of hands during the Our Father.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

- We will continue to use the Center Aisle for Communion, with four stations as in the past.
- There will be one, single file Communion line in the middle of the aisle.
- Please maintain social distancing in the Communion line. Please keep several pews between yourself and the person in front of you while in line and when returning to your pew.
- During the Yellow Phase, the faithful are asked to receive Holy Communion in the hand.
- Please remove your mask before receiving Holy Communion and replace it immediately afterward.

EXITING THE CHURCH

- At the conclusion of Mass, please exit the Church and proceed directly to your car. Please do not congregate for any reason.
- When available from our publisher, please take a parish bulletin home with you as you exit Mass.
- Please leave your mask on until you exit the Church.

OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

St. Rose of Lima will follow the guidelines from the CDC for sanitation as we resume public Masses.

- To view the CDC guidelines, visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/faith-based.html>
- All metal surfaces (Door Handles, etc.) and bathrooms will be sanitized after each Mass

Please know that we are as anxious to have you back with us as you are to be back together as community,

Yours, in the Love of Jesus Christ,

Monsignor Graham
Father Genuardi
Deacon Gohde