

SAINT FELICITAS CATHOLIC CHURCH GUIDELINES ON REOPENING

INTRODUCTION

With restrictions and limitations, under the guidance of the bishop of the Diocese of Oakland and by the Alameda County Health Department, Saint Felicitas Catholic Church in San Leandro excitingly and joyfully announces to re-open and welcome back our dear parishioners. As our Holy Father said, "We are a Church in difficult situation that the Lord is allowing, but the ideal of the Church is always with the people and with the sacraments." Yet the gravity of the situation brought by the COVID19 reminds us that this is still a fragile and dangerous time. Here in our parish, we are constantly united with you in faith but your health and safety is also our top priority.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES:

1. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues until further notice from the bishop.
2. Live streaming of the Holy Mass will continue for those who will opt to follow in their homes or at the parking lot. Those who have no access to our Facebook Page, one can watch the Holy Mass on EWTN, listen to radio and/or read the gospel of the day.
3. Walk-in distribution of Holy Communion after the dismissal of the congregation on each Sunday mass.
4. Those who are at high risk- those elderly or have underlying health conditions, and those who are exposed to any COVID19 patients, are to continue to stay home.

SUNDAY MASS REGISTRATION/RESERVATION and MODIFIED SCHEDULE

All parishioners are to register and reserve for a specific Sunday mass schedule. ***You can do so by calling directly the parish office telephone number at 510-351-5244 or you can send a text message to our cellphone number 510-470-8820.*** When you call or text, provide complete name, phone number to contact and the number of family members who will attend the chosen Sunday mass time. A maximum of 6 family members or people living of the same household is only permitted.

Please be advised that our Sunday mass schedule is now modified. Our lines for phone call and text message for reservation will open from Monday 9:00 a.m. to Thursday 4:00 p.m. A parish staff will confirm your reservation once you call or text and if there are still slots open to the selected mass schedule. Only those who have confirmed reservations should come to Sunday masses. Those who come without confirmed reservations will be declined of entry.

If you call in a particular week and that the masses are already full, you will be confirmed for the next week available Sunday mass. We are blessed to have a spacious church but we are not allowed to exceed more than 100 people at one time. Our Youth Volunteers, Greeters, Ushers and New Ministry of Health and Sanitation will be on hand to guide, seat, and monitor correct distancing for entering, exiting and for the reception of Holy Communion.

For those who still want to receive Holy Communion but do not have confirmed reservations, you are invited to follow our live stream Mass by staying at the parking lot or at your home. After each mass, we will have a walk-in communion for everyone. Please follow the guidelines for the entrance and exits as well as other protocols for this activity.

This will be now our temporary Sunday mass schedule and walk-in Holy Communion.

Saturday Mass	4:30 p.m. – Holy Mass Only for those with Confirmed Reservations 5:15- 6:00 pm. – Walk-in Communion inside the Church/ Open for All
Sunday Masses	7:30 a.m. - Holy Mass Only for those with Confirmed Reservations 8:15- 9:00 a.m. - Walk-in Communion inside the Church/ Open for All 10:30 a.m. - Holy Mass Only for those with Confirmed Reservations 11:15- 12:00 noon - Walk-in Communion inside the Church/ Open for All 1:00 p.m. – Spanish Mass Only for those with Confirmed Reservations 1:45 – 2:30 p.m. –Walk-in Communion inside the Church/Open for All 4:30 p.m. – Vietnamese Mass Only for those with Confirmed Reservations 5:15- 6:00 pm. - Walk-in Communion inside the Church/Open for All

Note: The Church will be closed in between masses on Sunday and prior to Saturday evening mass for preparation, cleaning and sanitizing purposes.

PROTOCOLS – BEFORE, DURING & AFTER MASS

BEFORE MASS

- All parishioners with confirmed reservations should arrive 30 minutes earlier to allow time to park and check in. 5 minutes before the mass starts, all doors will be locked. No congregating at the parking lot. The side doors facing Manor Blvd are to serve as entrances for people with confirmed reservations. All back doors will be used as exits after Holy Communion at the end of the Holy Mass except for the disabled or those who are in wheelchairs when exiting.
- No masks, no entry policy will be imposed. Bring your own sanitizer if possible. Before entering the church, all must stop for a temperature check. Those with a fever will be advised respectfully to go home.
- Donation boxes will be placed at the entrances for people to place to their offerings before proceeding to their seats.
- No socializing while waiting to enter the church and inside the church.

DURING MASS

- Everyone above two years of age will be asked to keep their masks on for the duration of the liturgy.
- No roaming around or going to the statues while waiting for the Holy Mass to begin.
- All other liturgical changes and protocol imposed during this time will be announced and explained at the beginning of every mass.
- Holy Communion will be distributed at the end of the Holy Mass. Exit immediately through the back doors after receiving Holy Communion.

AFTER MASS

- Private prayer will not be allowed after Sunday Masses. All will be asked to leave immediately after receiving Holy Communion.
- Parishioners are asked not to congregate after Mass outside the church or at the parking lot but to return directly to their vehicles and leave immediately to give way for walk-in communion.
- Church will then be closed and sanitized after each scheduled event, to allow for people attending the next Mass to arrive early and check registration for next Mass.
- Since we cannot have social interactions before and after Holy Mass, parishioners are encouraged to post their experiences and their faith practices as a family on our Facebook Page.

PROTOCOL FOR WALK-IN HOLY COMMUNION AFTER EACH MASS

- This is open to anyone who is in proper disposition to receive the precious Body of Christ.
- Wear face mask. No face mask means no entry.
- All who will come for the Walk-in Holy Communion should follow the Holy Mass via live stream while at the parking lot or in their homes respectively. Once the presider gives the final blessing, they can come to the main door facing Manor Blvd and fall in line while maintaining 6-foot social distancing.
- Each person will have a temperature check. If one has a fever, he or she will be advised to go home immediately.
- Once checked, the parishioner may place his or her donation on the boxes placed at the entrance.
- Each parishioner will be escorted to the communion lane.
- Communion by the hand only. Once a communicant receives the Sacred Host, he or she will step to the allotted space to remove his or her mask and consume the precious Body of Christ. Afterwards, communicant will put mask back on and leave immediately using exits doors.
- Proceed to their cars and avoid congregating at the parking lot. All are encouraged to their personal prayers in their homes with their families.

ON CELEBRATION OF WEEKDAY HOLY MASS

The Church will open Monday through Friday for private prayer following morning Mass till 4:00pm. Daily Mass Schedule is at 7:00 a.m. There will be no need for reservation to come to this Holy Mass. It will be a first come first serve basis but we will still observe the 100-limit attendance. One door will be opened for people to come in and they will observe proper distancing while their temperatures are checked before entering. Church door will open at 6:30 a.m. daily for temperature screening before mass. At 7:00 a.m., all doors will be closed.

While in the church, people are not to roam around and interact with others who are not of the same household. Each person will sit in proper distance from each other.

A lector will do the readings and do responses in behalf of the assembly. No singing. Wear face masks at all times except for children below 2 years old. Follow Holy Communion lanes and Holy communion protocols.

