



Monday, June 1, 2020

Great news! Archbishop Pérez has announced that parishes of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will be able to resume public Masses this weekend, June 6 and 7. We at Our Lady of Guadalupe 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 also 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 will continue to be available via livestream. Beginning this weekend, the 5 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass will be livestreamed on the parish website (please note that the Sunday Masses will NOT be livestreamed):
<https://www.olguadalupe.org/2020-livestreamed-masses>
- Daily Mass (Monday through Saturday) at 8 a.m. will be at the Church. Daily Mass is not being livestreamed at this time.
- Since the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays has been lifted, please consider attending any Mass during the week/weekend to receive Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist.

MASS SCHEDULE – All Masses will be held at the Church.

Vigil Mass, 5 p.m. Saturday Evening

Sunday Masses, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Daily Mass, Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m

BEFORE COMING TO MASS

- Please wash your hands for 20 seconds using soap and water.
- **Before entering the Church, please sanitize your hands and put on a face mask or cloth covering.** Your face mask/cloth covering **must remain on** throughout the entire Mass. 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.
- Missals will not be in the pews during this period. You are welcome to bring your own missal/readings with you.

Daily Readings: <http://uscgb.org/calendar/index.cfm?showLit=1&action=month>

Missals:

Magnificat Physical (Monthly resource subscription): <https://us.magnificat.net/free>

Magnificat Digital: <https://us.magnificat.net/online/>

St. Joseph Daily Missal (All year, all-in-one):

<https://catholicbookpublishing.com/product/381>

ENTERING THE CHURCH

- Church doors will be kept open until the Church has reached a safe number of attendees to maintain social distancing.
- Hand sanitizers will be available at the Church entrances.

SEATING

- When taking your seat, please honor all posted signs about where you may sit. You may sit in every other pew. Pews will be marked with tape to assist with social distancing guidelines. Ushers will assist to ensure proper social distancing.
- Members of the same household may sit together as normal. Please place six feet between your household and members of a different household.

DURING MASS

- There will be no Sign of Peace during Mass during the Yellow Phase.
- The Precious Blood will not be distributed during Mass during the Yellow Phase.

- There should be no holding of hands during the Our Father.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

- There will be three single communion lines during weekend Masses and ushers will provide instruction.
- Please maintain social distancing in the Communion line. 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. If someone wishes to receive on their tongue, the priest or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion will immediately sanitize their hands, before resuming distribution.
- Please keep your mask on while walking up the aisle to receive Holy Communion and remove your mask only to receive Holy Communion.

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.
- Ushers will not hand out the parish bulletin. Please take one from tables in the Church.
- Please leave your mask on until you exit the Church.
- You may exit from all doors but please maintain social distancing.

OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish will follow the guidelines from the CDC for sanitation as we resume public Masses.

- Every day our church is completely sanitized which includes the wiping down of the top of every pew, cleaning the bathrooms and wiping all frequently used areas such as door handles and light switches. This entire cleaning will also be done between each Mass.

Thank you for your commitment to Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish during this difficult time. As you can see, we are taking precautions to maintain your safety but please know that if you are not comfortable coming back to church at this time, you may continue to attend Mass online. We ask for your patience and prayers as we as we begin to celebrate Mass publicly again.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of the Americas, *pray for us.*

Devotedly Yours in Christ Jesus

Reverend Monsignor Joseph P. Gentili
Reverend Robert A. Ianelli
Deacon Robert F. Brady