



# OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

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## PARISH & SCHOOL

274 Highway H, Eugene, MO 65032-4231

### **ADDENDUM 8/27/2020 per August 20, 2020 DECREE from Bishop McKnight**

Our Lady of the Snows Parishioners,

This week, Bishop McKnight issued directives for the re-opening of our churches for public worship AFTER May 4th.

There is a lot of information in his directive, and many requirements which need to be met in order to ensure the safety of all of us. Please review these requirements below.

We are in the process of rescheduling First Holy Communion as well as the baptisms and receptions, which were meant to occur at the Easter Vigil. Confirmation date has not changed. Those that are making these sacraments have or will be notified.

I ask for your patience as we go through this process. I also ask for your patience and understanding to the below requirements for attendance at all public liturgies for the near future.

I am very much looking forward to seeing lots of parishioners in the coming weeks, but we must understand the need to proceed with an abundance of caution in order to minimize the potential for a significant outbreak of the virus.

#### **Before Mass**

- **All the faithful are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday through June 30, 2020. **New date: November 27, 2020****
- **Parishioners that are asymptomatic and would like to attend Mass but normally do on Sunday are asked to attend Saturday night so more parishioners can attend a public Mass.**
- **All attendees are asked to check their temperature at home before coming to Church.**
- **We will continue to live-stream 2 Masses (1 weekday/1 weekend) a week, so that those unable to attend in person may maintain a spiritual connection with the Church.**
- **All hymnals and missalettes have been removed for the duration of the pandemic so you are encouraged to bring your own missals or Bible for use during the celebration of Mass.**



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- The faithful are obliged to wear a mask (or other face covering) upon entering the church and during the celebration of Mass, EXCEPT when seated in the pew and for the brief moment of receiving Holy Communion. Pastors are to ensure this obligation is enforced without exception.
- **Addendum: The use of face masks upon entering the church, during the celebration of Mass except when in place in the pew, during the Communion procession, and upon leaving the church is required. If social distancing cannot be maintained in the pew, then the wearing of face masks is obligatory even in the pew.**

### During Mass

- Families are to maintain six-foot distancing between their family and other families or individuals throughout the celebration of Mass.
  - Seating is to be arranged such that six feet of distance can be maintained between members of one household and member of another.
  - One pew is to be left vacant in between congregants such that six feet of distance can be maintained in all directions. **Addendum – Face masks must be worn in the pew when social distancing is not possible.**
- Stationary baskets will be used for donations from the assembly.
- Communion line – Floor markings will be placed six feet apart in the aisles in which the congregation approaches the Communion minister for communion to facilitate proper social distancing.
- Distribution of Holy Communion – need a single-file for each Communion minister to maintain social distancing. One will be in front (sanctuary), the other in the back (in front of vestibule double doors).
- During this time, Holy Communion will only be distributed in the hand.
- When approaching the Communion minister, the communicant is to pull their mask below their chin and present one hand resting on the palm of the other. After responding “Amen,” the communicant reverently places the Eucharist in his or her mouth and immediately replaces their mask.

### After Mass

- Family units should depart the church in an organized manner wearing masks and observing six feet distance between other households.



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Blessings,

Fr. Callistus C. Okoroji

**Full DECREE will be provided as an insert in the August 30, 2020  
bulletin or can be viewed on the Diocese website:**

<https://diojeffcity.org/public-health/>