



The Official Word from Father Haley

Archbishop Rozanski is lifting the dispensation to participate in Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation as of July 1. Parishioners who are sick, immunocompromised, those caring for those who are sick and those gravely concerned for their health retain the dispensation, which of course, has always been the case. We will continue to livestream for their benefit.

Here at Blessed Teresa, beginning July 1

- Those who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear a mask.
- Holy water will be placed in the baptismal font and the receptacles at the doors to church.
- Hymnals and missalettes will return to the pews. (If you have taken a missalette home, continue to bring it back and forth.)
- The collection baskets for offertory gifts will once again be passed among parishioners by the ushers.
- The Sign of Peace will make its return – but without physical contact except with people from one's own family.
- The distribution of Communion from the chalice remains prohibited until further notice from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, which is meeting in June, so we may hear something regarding Communion by the end of the month.
- Those who serve as Communion Ministers will wear a mask while serving in that ministry.

If you still wish to physically distance from others, please inform an usher and he or she will escort you to an area in church designated for such distancing. Weekday Masses will continue to be celebrated in the parish center for the time being.

As we begin opening church, I urge patience with one another -- we haven't all been together in over a year so a return to the way things were before Covid may take some time. Thanks be to God we can once again worship Him in the fullness of community.