

## St. Anastasia Mass Guidelines

These are guidelines for St. Anastasia church based on the Archdiocese Letter received on June 12, 2021 from Archbishop Gomez:

- Effective June 19, 2021, the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation in response to the coronavirus pandemic will be lifted for the Catholic faithful of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Those who have serious and legitimate reasons (e.g., illness, underlying health conditions that render them susceptible to illness, significant fears of becoming ill, etc.,) are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation.
- All liturgical celebrations (e.g., Weekday masses, Sunday masses, Weddings, Baptisms, Funerals) and other religious services (e.g. Private Prayer, Adoration, Devotions, Prayer Services) are allowed to take place indoors without capacity limitations, social distancing, and/or prearranged “reservation” systems.
- All liturgical ministers—Altar Servers (vested), Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (if needed), Ministers of Hospitality—should exercise their ministries as usual in the celebration of the liturgy.
- Masks are not required for fully vaccinated individuals outdoors or indoors for mass services. Masks are required for unvaccinated individuals outdoors when social distancing is not possible, and at all times indoors.
- For now, masks and social distancing are required for employees and volunteers if they are working in the church during mass. Employees and volunteers are **NOT** allowed to inquire about vaccinations from parishioners

- There will be a designated area for social distancing of at least three feet between family units for those that prefer social distancing while indoors.
- Liturgical singing can take place.
- Hymnals, missalettes, and worship aids may be placed in the pews or distributed for use by the faithful.
- For now, Holy communion will be offered in the form of bread. Communion on the hand is strongly encouraged. The Ministers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are encouraged to sanitize their hands before distributing Communion and after Communion has concluded.
- The distribution of Holy Communion is only to take place at its proper time at the Communion Rite after the Agnus Dei. Distribution and reception of Communion in the form of a “drive-thru” style is not allowed.
- Liturgical processions may resume at their proper times (i.e., the entrance procession, the Gospel procession, the procession of the offertory gifts, and the recessional procession).
- Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion may be utilized to fulfill requests of bringing Holy Communion to the homebound. It is highly recommended that they be fully vaccinated against the Coronavirus.