

Guidelines for Weekend & Funeral Masses

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, these are the guidelines to be enforced in our parish of Santa Cruz during weekend and funeral masses until new guidance is received from the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

- Body temperature check will be conducted at main entrance.
- Face masks (covering mouth and nose) are MANDATORY and must be worn throughout the mass. People WITHOUT face masks will be turned away.
- Wait to be seated. Designated seating will be used to maintain a social distance of 6 feet. Those of the same household should sit together.
- Mass services will be limited to 75 people maximum. No exceptions unless revised by the Archbishop.
- Handshakes or any form of contact is discouraged between parishioners.
- You are encouraged to wipe the area you will be sitting at during mass to help you feel more comfortable and before you leave.
- People over the age of 60 and with compromised immune systems should be pre-advised that they are at increased risk and are encouraged to remain at home.
- Parents are **HIGHLY** recommended **NOT** to bring children under the age of 3
- Children over the age of 3 are required to wear a mask at **all times** and must sit with the parent throughout the entire mass. No exceptions.
- Holy Communion will be given at the proper time in their pews. No one should approach the ministers but wait for the minister to come to them.

Other Special Guidelines for Funerals

- No rosary, viewing or visitation to family prior to mass will be allowed in the church.
- Everybody, including the immediate family, will be seated on arrival. Pews will be reserved for immediate family under their direction, otherwise the first two available pews will be reserved.
- Main outside double doors will remain closed until the coffin is at the church door. The ushers will open the door when everyone is in their place.
- Only pall bearers will be allowed to accompany the coffin from the door to the altar while keeping social distance.
- No eulogy will be delivered in the church.
- Exit will be guided by ushers. First will be the coffin and pall bearers, then immediate family (first 2 pews) and then the rest of the assembly beginning from the back of the church.