



# DIRECTIVES FOR RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC MASSES

Catholic Diocese of Saginaw + May 15, 2020

At the discretion of the pastor or pastoral administrator/director of parish life, a parish in the Diocese of Saginaw **is permitted to resume public Masses on Monday, May 25, 2020** under the conditions below and as outlined in the Liturgical Guidelines and Protocols for Resumption of Public Masses.

All parishes in the Diocese of Saginaw **will resume the celebration of public Mass by Saturday, May 30, 2020** under the same conditions.

❖ The following are necessary conditions for the resumption of public Masses:

- *Face-coverings/masks are to be worn by the faithful in and around the church.*
- *Cleaning and sanitizing of church facilities using proper techniques before or after Masses using [CDC guidelines](#).*
- *Physical distancing must be practiced in the church and on the church property.*
- *Parish churches are not to exceed 20-25% of total capacity for the church.*
- *This limit should allow people to remain at least six feet apart.*

Bear in mind:

- *Depending on church layout, this number may have to be less than 20-25% of the total capacity.*
  - *An additional location on the church property (e.g. gathering space or social hall) may be used as an “overflow” for additional people desiring to attend public Mass.*
  - *This should not exceed the same 20-25% capacity for the space.*
  - *Both indoor and outdoor Masses require adherence to strict physical distancing guidelines.*
- ❖ Funerals, Weddings, and Baptisms during Mass may resume along the same timeline and under the same conditions as listed in #3 above.
- ❖ All non-liturgical gatherings should continue to be suspended. At the discretion of the pastor or pastoral administrator/director of parish life, exceptions may be made if attendees observe strict health and safety guidelines and the gathering does not exceed 10 persons at any one time.
- ❖ All the faithful in the Diocese are dispensed from their Sunday obligation to attend Mass through Sunday, August 30, 2020.