

Dear Parishioner,

As we continue in the Holy season of Advent, we are reminded that we are people of hope. We have hope in the coming of Our Lord, who will set us free from sin and death. We should rejoice in that hope! Jesus is coming!

We are looking forward to celebrating his birth at our Christmas Masses, although it will be a little different than what we are used to. Because the capacities in the Churches are limited, we will be trying something new for three of the five Christmas Masses. Please note that the Mass schedule for Christmas has been revised.

A friendly reminder:

- The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation is dispensed until further notice.
- Those who are 65 and older and those with high-risk health conditions should remain home.
- Those who are symptomatic, who are awaiting results from a Covid-19 test, or those who have tested positive for Covid-19 should not enter a Church until released by their health care professional.
- Those who are sick should remain home.
- If you do attend Mass, please wear a mask and maintain social distance.

We will livestream the 3:00 pm and 4:30 pm Masses, as well as the Midnight Mass.

At both St. Mary's Masses and at the evening Mass at St. Joseph, there will be overflow seating in the parish center / parish hall. St. Mary's Masses will be streamed on the large screen in the parish center. St. Joseph's Mass will be streamed on two television screens in the parish hall. Holy Communion will be distributed in each of these spaces by a seminarian. Music at the Christmas Vigil Masses will be limited. Once the churches have reached capacity, seating will be available in the parish center or parish hall. We are also encouraging people who want to attend Mass, but are not comfortable being inside the Church or hall, to come to the Church and remain in your automobile and stream the Mass on your electronic device. Communion will be distributed at a location outside for the parking lot attendees.

Here is the REVISED Christmas Mass schedule:

Christmas Eve

3:00 pm	St. Mary – Church and Parish Center
4:30 pm	St. Mary – Church and Parish Center
6:00 pm	St. Joseph – Church and Parish Hall

Christmas

Midnight	St. Joseph (TLM) – Church only
10:00 am	St. Ann – Church only

Thank you for your understanding and your patience. Let's hold each other up in prayer, and together welcome Jesus as he comes to us at Christmas!

Pax,

Fr. Byrd