

**THE FOLLOWING RULES MUST BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED FOR THE GOOD OF ALL WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS OF OUR PARISH.**

*"As we move forward to reopen, prudence - the ability to govern ourselves and submit to discipline through the use of reason - must govern our actions. There is no substitute for good judgment. "*

- The maximum capacity is 170 people at each mass. You will not need tickets nor reservations to attend Mass. As people arrive, they will enter until they fill the maximum space at each Mass. There will be people outside counting who enters to be sure that we do not exceed the 170 people in order to maintain the social distance of six feet between person and person that must be strictly kept.
- Facial Masks are an essential requirement to enter the church and during the celebration of the Eucharist.
- We recommend that you bring your own hand sanitizers to use before receiving communion.
- Do not bring items containing Bleach to the church as these could damage the benches.
- The doors of the church will open 30 minutes before Mass.
- The chapel will remain closed to the public.
- The Religious Store will remain Closed until further notice.
- The church will only be entered through the main entrance through the front of the building.
- When entering the temple area, every other bench will be closed and marked with tapes to maintain social distance.
- The pews on the right hand side will be for couples and families who can sit together. The pews on the left left side are for people who come alone. The places where they can sit will be clearly marked.
- It is strictly forbidden to enter the Sacristy (the place where priests and deacons dress for liturgical celebrations. Only they and Sacristans are allowed to enter.)
- There will be no Offertory Procession, no Holy Water, no religious images or pictures.
- You will not hold hands during the Our Father Prayer and there will be no Rite of Peace too.
- There will be no altar Servers.
- There will be no missals available on the benches.
- There will be no Collection. Baskets will be placed at the main entrance of the temple behind the last benches so that they can place their offering. Or you can do it via the parish website [www.oldpmiami.org/oline-giving](http://www.oldpmiami.org/oline-giving)
- **SACRAMENTAL COMMUNION:** It will be offered only in the central isle. The side aisles will be used to return to your seats after having received communion. The floor of the central isle clearly indicates where to stand as you go forward until you reach Communion. Two (2) people will be offering the Body of the Lord at midweek Masses and four (4) people on weekends. (Social distancing must be strictly respected at all times and places.)

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- The exit will only be through the three side doors. At the end of each mass, you will leave promptly, neatly, and directly to your cars. Starting at the back benches until you reach the front benches.
- Clergy will not be present to shake hands or greet at the exit.
- The restrooms (there will only be one stall and one sink available in each restroom)
- The church will be closed after each celebration in order to disinfect the temple, the pews and the restrooms. The church will reopen 30 minutes before each Mass.
- The church will be closed the rest of the day on weekdays for obvious reasons and will open 30 minutes before 7 a.m. Masses. and 7 p.m. The Prayer of the Rosary will be as always before the 7 a.m. Mass. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed followed by the Blessing every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. before the 7 p.m. Mass. (The chapel will remain closed to the public.)
- Any group meetings, whether day or night, are not allowed until further notice.

Our archbishop reminds us that the dispensation from compulsory attendance at Mass every Sunday remains in force therefore the 12 noon mass will continue to be televised live on the parish Facebook and YouTube. It reminds us that in a correct judgment and the use of sound reason, it should be our decision to attend or not to attend Mass.

It reminds us that anyone who is sick or has cold symptoms should not come to Mass, nor should people who are frail due to the years or who suffer from other illnesses. Neither should people who care for the elderly or the sick, or who are simply afraid to attend.