

**GUIDELINES FOR THE FAITHFUL FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE  
CELEBRATION TO THE EUCHARIST IN THE CHAPEL OF CHRIST THE KING**

**Prior to Arrival at the Chapel of Christ the King:**

- The Diocese of Scranton strongly encourages those in high-risk groups due to age or compromised health not to attend Mass in person, but to participate in Mass by means of livestreaming. We, at King's, ask you to follow this recommendation.
- To mitigate possible exposure of the virus to other, we ask you to observe the following. Please take your temperature at home, if you have an elevated temperature, please do not come to the chapel. If you have been in recent contact with a symptomatic person, please do not come to the chapel. If you have exhibited any of the COVID symptomology, even if you have not tested positive, please do not come to the chapel. If you have not followed the standard COVID protocols (social distancing, handwashing, etc.), please do not come to the chapel.
- Ensure that you have a mask; you may also bring hand sanitizer, and disinfectant wipes with you.
- Be psychologically prepared for a different experience of worship (priests and people wearing masks, no physical exchange of the sign of peace, no congregating prior to or after Mass, limited movement within the chapel or other distractions), or for the possibility that you may not be able to enter if the capacity number has been reached prior to your arrival.
- If you arrive after the start of Mass, please refrain from entering the Chapel.

**Entrance into the Chapel of Christ the King:**

- You must wear a mask to enter the chapel.
- You may enter the chapel beginning at 11:45 AM.
- You must enter the Chapel of Christ the King through the glass door entrances to the lobby. Proceed immediately to the Chapel and take a seat in the designated pews only.
- Hand sanitizer is available in the lobby for your use.
- Be careful not to enter the pews that have been cordoned off.
- Seating in designated pews will permit three individuals in a pew. Please sit at the end of the pew or in the middle of the pew. Please occupy the middle space first, so that later arrivals will not need to step over you to obtain a seat.
- You may sit in family or friend units.
- The pews will have been disinfected prior to your use; however, you may wipe down your area with a disinfectant wipe if that makes you more comfortable.

**During the Celebration of Mass:**

- You must wear a mask for the entire celebration of the Eucharist, except for the reception of Holy Communion.
- The regular gestures (standing, sitting, and kneeling) for the Mass remain; there is no physical exchange of a sign of peace or offertory procession.

- Following the directives of the Diocese of Scranton, the Eucharist will be distributed as the final action of the liturgy. The priest will review the protocols for the reception of the Eucharist immediately prior to distribution.
  - Beginning with those seated closest to the sanctuary, process, keeping 6 feet distance (note the markings on the floor) between communicants, to the minister.
  - When the person immediately before you is receiving communion, bow reverently and remove your mask.
  - Approach the minister, receiving the Eucharist in the hand, step to the left to the floor marking, consume the Eucharist, replace your mask, and proceeding along the side aisle walk to the rear of the Church and exit through the main door.
- Please practice social distancing protocols following the conclusion of the Mass. It seems odd, of course, to discourage fellowship; however, we encourage you to be as careful as possible.

**Lector:**

- If you would like to proclaim the reading and psalm, please proceed to the chair and kneeler set up near the ambo. The Lectionary will be placed on the kneeler. Review the reading and place the Lectionary on the ambo. Take your seat behind the kneeler. If you enter and see that someone else has already prepared to be the lector, please take another seat. You may remove your mask for the proclamation of the reading and psalm.

**Votive Candles:**

- If you would like to have a votive candle or candles lit, please bring an envelope with your offering for the candles, writing on the envelope, the number of candles you would like to have lit. Place the envelope in the basket marked "Votive Candles" in the lobby. The celebrant will light the candles later. You are not permitted to go to the candle area.