Temperature Screening/Mask Guidance for Parishes

THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE FAITHFUL IS OUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY

• People age 65 or above and those with compromised immunity are encouraged to stay home due to increased risk with the Coronavirus.
• Anyone with a fever, cough, flu like symptoms, or recent exposure to the virus should remain at home.

Temperature Monitoring: Two AAA BATTERIES ARE NOT INCLUDED!!!
• Nurses or healthcare workers, volunteers, and/or parish staff may assist with temperature monitoring. Use of gloves is advised.
• It is recommended to check temperatures of all people coming to receive Holy Communion.
• Insert 2 AAA batteries. Wait 10 minutes to warm up after installing or replacing batteries.
• To change display reading to °F press the sound switch button for 8 seconds once the device is on.
• Measurement steps:
  o Make sure you don’t have hair, sweat, makeup or hat covering before measuring.
  o Align the thermometer at the center of the forehead, above the eyebrow, at a distance of 1-2 inches from forehead
  o Press the Temperature measurement button. You will hear a short beep and the temperature will be displayed
• If temperature is 100.4 or higher, person should go home and not participate in parish Communion Service.
• Cleaning –
  o Do Not use a corrosive cleaning agent to clean this appliance. Do Not immerse the appliance in water.
  o When cleaning is required, wipe the gauge surface with an alcohol wipe.

Face Masks: a face mask or cloth covering is worn to protect others in case you are infected with the virus, but do not have symptoms.
• Perform hand hygiene before putting on your face covering/mask. (Face coverings are already recommended in public and many parishioners will come to church with a mask on. If not, a mask or cloth face covering should be available)
• Holding the ear loops or ties, put the mask over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin.
• Make sure you can breathe easily
• **DO NOT PLACE A MASK ON A CHILD YOUNGER THAN 2**
• Remove or adjust the face mask to receive Holy Communion
• Try to avoid touching the face mask while you are wearing it. Do not wear your face mask around your neck or up on your forehead.
• Handle your face mask by the ear loops or ties.
• When removing your facemask fold outside corners together. Place in trash receptacle or wash your cloth face covering.

FOLLOW HEALTHY HABITS:
• Social distancing – remain 6 ft away from others.
• Avoid contact with people who are sick
• Wash your hands often, with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
• Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
• Wear a face covering if you are in public.