

GUIDELINES FOR THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY MASS DURING THE PERIOD OF MASS CANCELLATION

During this period in the Diocese of Calgary where parish Masses have been cancelled except for Funeral Masses, priests are reminded of the following:

Celebration of Daily Mass

Priests are strongly encouraged to celebrate Holy Eucharist daily, even when alone. When celebrating Mass alone, omit all greetings. You may celebrate in the parish church when there are no other people present or in the rectory.

Concelebrating with A Priest

When concelebrating with a priest, you can help prevent the potential spread of the disease through the following measures:

- appropriate social distancing
- avoidance of any physical contact
- the use of two chalices and consuming the Precious Blood from separate chalices.

While intinction is a legitimate option, it may not be recommended for the current situation with the celebrant first consuming the Precious Blood from the chalice.

When several concelebrants are present, the use of two chalices is recommended with the second chalice reserved solely for intinction.

Note: Intinction is only permitted with priests. Deacons and members of the lay faithful are forbidden from self-intinction.

Symptoms of COVID-19 may not manifest immediately once contracted. Some priests may be asymptomatic while carrying the virus. Therefore, as a precautionary measure, concelebration is not highly encouraged at this time.

Any priest who does not feel well should first be encouraged to self-isolate from the community. He should celebrate Mass alone and use a chalice and paten that will not be used by others.

Missa Pro Populo

Pastors are to privately celebrate one Sunday Mass for the intentions of the people of his parish as required by Canon Law (c. 534).

Mass Offerings

Priest offering Mass alone or concelebrating are encouraged to celebrate with the daily Mass intention scheduled by the parish in order to prevent a backlog of intentions. The same policies on *Mass Offerings* contained in the Parish Regulations Manual apply. (Code: MASS)