

## Directives for attending Public Mass

Outdoor Mass at Cardome on Sundays at 10:30am

Please pray for our SSFJ community as we navigate these first steps toward public worship. We also ask for your patience as we try to preserve the sanctity of the Mass while fulfilling the directives that are necessary to keep our parishioners safe.

*PLEASE NOTE: The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass will continue in the Diocese of Lexington until further notice, therefore we will continue to stream the 10:30am Sunday Mass online for those who need or want to worship from home.*

**Please take the time to read the following directives:**

### **ARRIVAL:**

- Please use the main entrance of Cardome only.
- Parking attendants will help you navigate where to park in the main lot in the front of Cardome.
- Weather permitting, you may exit your car and find a place to sit on the front lawn of the main building of Cardome. Mass will be celebrated on the front steps. **\*\*NO CHAIRS WILL BE PROVIDED, PLEASE BRING LAWN CHAIRS OR BLANKETS AS NEEDED.** You may want to bring umbrellas/canopies for shade.
- Please practice social distancing of at least 6 feet from all others who are not in your household while exiting your cars and finding a place to sit.
- If weather does not permit, Mass will be still be streamed for listening/watching from your car.
- Please note that there will be no bathroom facilities available at Cardome.

### **PARTICIPATION:**

- Mass will be livestreamed on our Facebook page for those who choose to remain in cars (or viewing at home)
- Mass will also be available via your car radio by tuning into station 89.5FM
- There will be no paper bulletins or programs at Mass, so be sure to bring your own copies or use your phones or devices to download readings and music as needed. An email containing these resources will be sent Friday & Sunday morning.

### **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION:**

- Communion will be distributed at its normal time during the Mass (after the Consecration)
- Please wait to be directed by the Ushers who will assist in making sure that social distancing is practiced. Please be aware of others and make every effort to social distance during the distribution of Holy Communion.
- The Cardome front lawn will be divided into 4 quadrants with Eucharistic Ministers for each to ensure that the process is efficient and safely distanced.
- You must wear a mask in the communion line.
- There will be no verbal exchange while receiving the Eucharist. Receive the Holy Eucharist in your hand, Step to the side, lower your mask to consume the Eucharist.

- You may go back to your chair for the final blessing as usual.

**DEPARTURE:**

- After the final blessing, please make your way to your car to leave. **Please refrain from congregating or socializing after mass is over. This is to ensure that we are following the protocols given to us by the Bishop for safe public worship.**
- Exit the parking lot using the two marked exits to the main drive only.
- Lastly, please be respectful of the parking attendants, ushers and volunteers who have been tasked to ensure that these directives are met. It is a hard job and it is for the safety of all!
- Holy Communion Stations will remain open for one hour after Mass concludes so that those who livestream at home may come to receive if desired.
- An Offertory basket will be located at the exit of Cardome if you would like to place your envelopes for tithing as you drive by. However, we still encourage online giving if possible during this time.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Please be aware that plans are ever-evolving and subject to change. We are excited to have in-person worship, but will need the cooperation and generosity of every person to ensure that these directives are met so that we can continue to worship together and take the steps toward fully returning to our public masses. Social distancing, hand sanitizing and wearing masks if possible are all things we can do to be good stewards during Holy Mass to keep all our parishioners safe. If you have further questions or concerns, please email the parish office at [parishoffice@ssfrancisjohn.org](mailto:parishoffice@ssfrancisjohn.org)