

OUR LADY *of* LA SALETTE
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Helpful instructions for our return to limited public liturgies during the COVID-19 pandemic following guidelines from the Archdiocese of Atlanta; by attending Mass at OLOL during this time, you agree to follow these guidelines:

- Overview: There is no obligation to participate in the weekend liturgies during the pandemic. All obligations to attend Sunday Masses have been suspended. Persons who are 65 years of age or older and others at higher risk for severe illness should strongly consider delaying participating at large group gatherings.
- Cautions: Anyone who is sick or symptomatic or has a temperature of 99.5°F or higher should stay home. The same should apply for anyone who is either taking care of a person who is sick or is around a person who is sick. The church and social hall should never exceed 25% occupancy and those present must keep a distance of at least six feet between individuals or family groups.
- Masks: It is expected that everyone will be wearing a personal face mask at all times, except while consuming the consecrated host during communion. Please make sure that you bring your own mask. If anyone refuses to wear a mask he/she will not be admitted. The Lector will remove his/her mask at the Ambo before he/she begins to proclaim and will put the mask back on before leaving the Ambo.
- Hands: Please watch your hands very carefully before coming to church. Also make sure that you bring hand sanitizer with you to use before and after the reception of Holy Communion.
- Restrooms: Make sure you go to the bathroom before you come to church. Bathrooms in general and ours in particular do not allow for physical distancing because they are very small.
- Seating: Let the ushers direct you to your seat. Seating should take place filling in from the front to the back.
- Sign of Peace: We can use a gesture to extend to one another the Sign of Peace without having to touch each other.
- Procession: Communion will be distributed by processing in a single file. You will be reminded to keep six feet of distance between yourself and the person ahead of you. ***You must continue to wear your mask in the Communion Procession.***
- Communion: Communion will be under the form of consecrated hosts only and ***in the hand only*** (as we were doing prior to the suspension of Masses.) Approach the minister of Communion ***wearing your mask***. Extend your arms and cup your hands to receive the consecrated host. The minister will say “The Body of Christ,” you will reply “Amen,” and the minister will drop the consecrated host into your hand without any physical contact. Take a few steps to the side to the location marked on the floor, then ***remove your mask and consume the consecrated host***. After replacing your mask you should sanitize your hands.
- Departing: The ushers will escort people out of the pews from those in the back of the church to the front pews. Unfortunately we do not have an opportunity for socializing after Mass. The priest presider will go to the Memorial Garden and greet parishioners from a distance of 12 or more feet. Masks should be worn until you get in your cars.