

Phase II Mass Instructions at St. Mary Magdalene

*We will accept parishioners into the church on a **first come - first serve** basis. At **25% Capacity**, we can allow **150 people** to attend in our Sanctuary. We are scheduling our three normal masses.*

Please read all the instructions listed below if you plan to attend and receive the Eucharist.

1. Your Temperature will be taken prior to entering the church. Please remain in a line on the sidewalk at the social distancing marks while you wait your turn. Families and couples need only be separated from other parties.
 - Before entering the building, you must apply the hand sanitizer we have made available.
 - If your temperature is greater than 100.4° F, we will request that you return home.
 - Mask-wearing is strongly encouraged, especially if you plan on singing.

2. All will enter through the main doors to the right. While in the Narthex, an Usher will direct you to another Usher in the Sanctuary that will lead you to a section in the pews. You may be asked to wait for a brief moment in the Narthex.

3. Seating will fill at the far end of the sanctuary first, then be filled in towards the baptismal font as ushers bring people into the sanctuary. You will be seated 6 feet away from the other designated areas in the pews.
 - Please do not touch the songbooks or other items in the shelves.

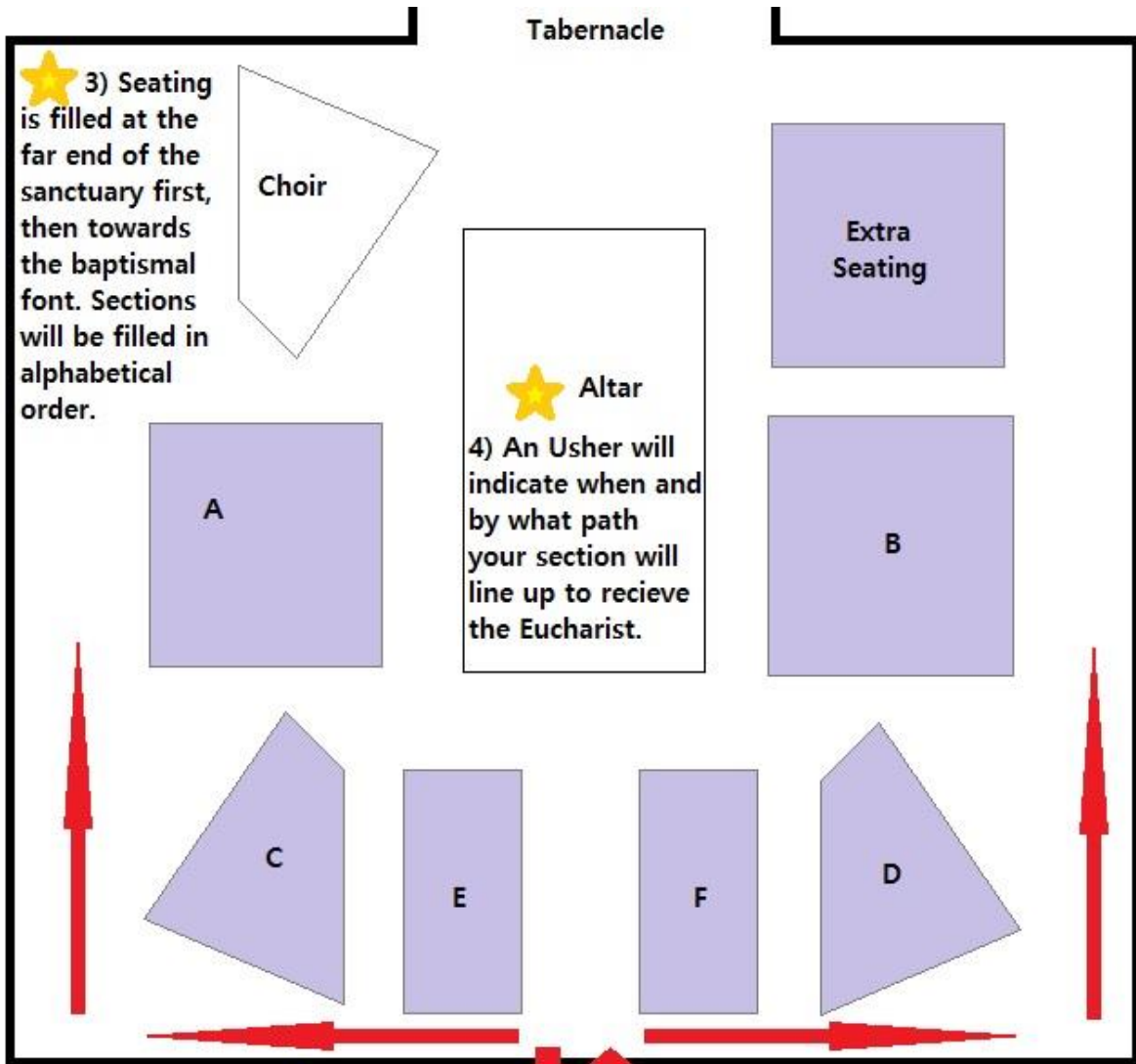
4. During Communion, an Usher will indicate when your row is to proceed in a single file line to receive the Eucharist. Paths for each section of pews will be marked by the Ushers.
 - During the Communion service, you will stand in line. Communion will be distributed one by one to the hands only by the Priest. The Consecrated Host should be consumed right away.

5. When Mass is ended, those closest to the exit will proceed back into the Narthex, where the Usher there will direct you to the exit of the doors on your right.

6. A final Usher will help you exit the church and return to your vehicle. Please exit the church, go directly to your vehicle, and leave. No further social gatherings will be allowed in the parking lot.

A Step-by-Step visual guide is on the next page

Visual Instructions



★ 3) Seating is filled at the far end of the sanctuary first, then towards the baptismal font. Sections will be filled in alphabetical order.

★ Altar
4) An Usher will indicate when and by what path your section will line up to receive the Eucharist.

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Narthex →

Important considerations for Parishioners attending Mass or Communion

- Those age 65 or above and those with compromised immunity are encouraged to stay home. Signage will be placed at the entrance of the church reminding those aged 65 or above and anyone with compromised immunity that they are at an increased risk.
- In Christian Charity, anyone with a fever, cough or flu like symptoms should remain at home so as to prevent further spread of the illness.
- Communicants are required to wear a suitable face covering which may be removed or adjusted for the reception of Holy Communion. The priest will be wearing a mask.
- Holy Communion won't be distributed with the minister wearing gloves, nor will it be received in the hand if the communicant is wearing gloves. Hand hygiene is effective against the coronavirus, and therefore, gloves are not needed if the priest or minister performs proper hand hygiene.

*The full list of Diocesan Guidelines is available at: <https://www.gbdioc.org/front-page/covid19response>