

**BRAINTREE CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE**  
**St. Francis of Assisi & St. Clare**  
**Phase 1 Church Re-Open Information & Guide**

**Sunday Masses will resume on May 30/31 with limited seating to provide safe social distancing for all in attendance.**

**Although Mass will look different in Phase 1, we are grateful for the opportunity to re-open Church and are looking forward to seeing many of you again.**

**Sunday Mass times will follow our current schedule**

**St. Clare – 4:00 PM (Saturday); 7:45, 10:15 AM, 6:00 PM (Sunday)**

**St. Francis – 5:30 (Saturday); 9:00, 11:30 AM (Sunday)**

In order for our churches to safely re-open and welcome back parishioners please review the requirements listed below:

- Sunday Mass dispensation from Cardinal Sean is still in place - you do not have to attend Mass upon Churches re-opening.
- Those who are sick, 65+ years old or otherwise vulnerable should remain home and continue to watch Mass on-line
- We must adhere to Social Distancing in our church seating. Hence, SFA has 98 seats - St Clare has 84 seats available per Mass.
- You must **book a seat(s) for the Mass** you want to attend. There are two methods for booking a time. You may only book times for yourself and members of your household.
  - **On-line booking is found at:**  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a45a5a722a4f49-braintree>
  - **Phone Booking**
    - **Dial 781-843-1332 and Press 3**
    - **Follow recorded instructions**
    - **Provide your Name, Phone#, Church, Mass Time and the total # of household members coming to Mass.**
    - **Hang up after you are done with your message**

**Entering Church**

- **You are required to wear a mask at all times** in accordance with COVID-19 Order No. 31. You do not have to wear a mask if you have a medical or disabling condition that prevents this. Children under 2 do not require a mask; Children ages 2-5 is up to parental discretion.
- **Church entry** will be at **one location only** - that will be the **Main Double doors** at the **front** of each Church. The exception at SFA is for those who require the elevator - enter using the side door by the rectory. The front handicap ramp door will be open at St. Clare.

- Greeters will check you in at the entry doors. Maintain 6' social distancing when waiting to be checked in.
- The **offertory basket** will be made available on your way into church only. Of course donations can be dropped in the rectory mail slot, sent by postal mail or via our On-Line Giving site. **Thank You** for your continued support during these times!
- Benches are marked with **WHITE TAPE**. Ushers will guide you to sit behind a piece of WHITE TAPE in the available benches.
- Couples and/or members of the same household do not have sit 6' feet apart.
- Please bring a personal hand sanitizer to use, if you wish, before receiving Communion. The church will have some dispensers mounted at certain doors.
- **Communion flow** will be staggered by sections. Follow the Usher's directions.
- With your mask on, Communion is received by your hand from the priest. After receiving Communion, lower your mask, consume the host and walk back to your seat.
- **Exiting the church** will be staggered by sections to avoid congestion in aisles. Sections will exit via the corner side doors of the church only.
- Again, kindly wait for direction from Father and your Ushers during Entry, Communion and Exiting.
- **No gatherings in the parking lots before or after Mass.**

### Other

- Church touch points, pews and bathrooms have been cleaned and disinfected before and after each Mass.
- Church doors will open approximately 30 minutes before each Mass. The churches will not be open or available between Masses or at non-Mass times.
- Bathrooms are available in lower church. Use social distancing when waiting to use the bathroom.
- Daily Masses are planned to resume on June 8 – confirmation to follow.
- Funeral Mass resumption is yet to be determined – more information to follow.
- Rosary, adoration, etc. is yet to be determined – more information to follow.