

With the information from the CDC, the actions of NC governor and health officials, and with the Diocese of Raleigh direction, we are pleased to announce the following.

Bishop Zarama has continued to dispense the faithful from their Sunday obligation. While this dispensation is applicable to all, it is continued primarily for the elderly, sick, those with pre-existing health conditions or other vulnerable people.

**Effective Saturday May 15, 2021 the following actions will be in place:**

- The Live stream of the 9am Mass will continue.
- We will continue to offer Communion outside after the 9am Masses for those who are uncomfortable entering the building.
- All rows of pews will be open for seating.
- There will be No capacity requirements for religious functions.
- Mask wearing will be optional per government mandates.
- For those who have health conditions, or feel vulnerable around others, the Narthex and the Chapel will be areas reserved for worship.
- Social Distancing restrictions will be removed in the Church.
- Communion will no longer require hand sanitizing before receiving Eucharist.
- Sharing of the Chalice will remain restricted to presiding clergy only.
- Regularly scheduled Confessions will be back in the confessionals.
- Collection of offertories will take place via online giving portal and the offertory box in the Narthex.
- Groups, classes, and other assemblies will remain limited while further protocols are developed and distributed.