



Saint Michael's Catholic Community

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Dear St. Michael's Parishioners,

Governor Whitmer has announced that the current State epidemic order will expire tomorrow morning, May 15, at 9 a.m. Therefore, the following changes will become effective immediately, with regard to Mass at St. Michael's.

- Masks are not required during liturgical worship. It is recommended that those who are unvaccinated follow CDC guidance and wear a mask for the safety of fellow parishioners.
- We will not ask parishioners to reveal their vaccination status.
- We will remove rope or tape from pews.
- There will be a designated seating area, **in the section to the far west of church**, where social distancing will remain in effect to accommodate individuals for whom mitigation strategies remain an important safeguard or who may choose to sit there. **The Family Center will also remain open to those parishioners** who wish to attend Mass away from the larger crowd in the sanctuary.
- Further guidance on non-liturgical events will be forthcoming.

I want to thank you all for your continued cooperation as we have navigated these difficult times together. You have followed the guidelines set forth by the Bishop to the best of your abilities, and for that I am extremely grateful. The news today brings us one step closer to an end to this pandemic.

May God continue to bless you and keep you,

Fr. Ayub Francis Nasar