

Christmas 2020 Guidelines in the Plainville-Wrentham Catholic Collaborative

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Thank you for making your reservations early for Christmas Masses so we can plan accordingly for your participation and safety. We want this to be a joyful, spiritual experience for everyone, but to do that *we need your help*.

Church doors will be **unlocked 20 minutes before each Mass** (only volunteers enter earlier to prepare).

Please Note: MASS TIMES HAVE CHANGED for this Christmas Eve and a Noon Mass added on Christmas Day - so spread the word with family, friends and neighbors!

Due to limited capacity indoors from social distancing during the pandemic:

- a) **Tell everyone to signup**, either online or by calling the parish during business hours. Those who do not reserve seating *might not* be able to get *into* the church - **but we will make every effort to accommodate the overflow** (see "Other considerations" below).
- b) Cardinal Seán gave special permission to start earlier than usual on Christmas Eve.
- c) The **3pm and 5pm Masses** at *BOTH* of our parishes offer seating in the main church *AND* the downstairs church hall.
- d) If signups exceed our expectations, we may try to add an additional Mass at the parish that most needs it (*probably* around 7pm).

Other considerations for a positive experience of Christmas Mass this year:

- Follow Jesus' call to "*Love one another*" this Christmas by bringing a **comfortable, breathable face covering to wear** since you will be stationary indoors with others for a while.
- A few windows will be open during the Mass (or the ventilation system running) for fresh air during the pandemic, therefore **please dress warmly**.
- If you are looking for a Mass with **fewer people**: consider *Christmas Morning Masses*, which are typically less crowded.
- If there are not enough seats available for signup, you can consider a different Mass time, or else signup for the "Wait List/Drive-In."
- **If you are on the Wait List you will not be turned away:**
 - a) If we can find room for you inside, we will email you or call the number you provide at signup (hopefully a couple of days before Christmas).
 - b) Even if there isn't room inside, **come anyway and bring your smartphone and/or tablet** so you can attend "**Drive-In Christmas Mass**," watching *LIVE* in your car and we will bring Communion outside for you (links and instructions will be sent by email).
- The Commonwealth's Stay at Home Advisory at night presently has an exception for worship, so our Catholic Collaborative's "**Mass During the Night**" (as the Church now calls it) **for now is still scheduled for Midnight**. If the rules change, we may have to move this "Mass During the Night" to an earlier time (or online).

Finally, **if you feel at all unwell at Christmas, please participate in Mass online** (www.pwc.church) **or on Catholic TV** (CTV). Cardinal Seán has given dispensation from Mass for this reason, so **please do not risk others' health** no matter how much you want to be here – you will still be with us in spirit!

As you sign up, please review the slots on our [Christmas "Signup Genius"](#) page *carefully*, then check "sign-up" next to your choice and click the "submit" button to enter details for your reservation on the next screen.

Thank You and have a Blessed Advent and Christmas!

