

Hello Mary, Queen of Heaven family!

Praised be Jesus Christ!! ☺

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers for the passing of my Father - I greatly appreciate it. Dad had been deteriorating physically and mentally for a few years and he had been in home hospice for a few months. He's now enjoying his eternal reward and he's been reunited with Mom!! ☺

The Diocese has issued some more protocols regarding the Covid-19 pandemic. Rather than summarize them, here they are as they were issued (in regards to #1 and #2, - don't kill the messenger.....me! ☺)

DIOCESE OF COVINGTON
Addendum to Covid-19 Protocols

1. **MASKS:** In light of Governor Beshear's order of Friday, 10 July 2020 regarding the wearing of masks in public, masks must be worn at all liturgical services in any church, chapel or oratory in the Diocese of Covington until further notice. The only exceptions are for children under 5 years of age or someone who has a serious breathing problem. The celebrant at Mass must wear a mask except in the ambo and at the altar.
2. **CONGREGATIONAL SINGING:** Congregational singing continues to be discouraged at any religious services in any church, chapel or oratory in the Diocese of Covington. If there is congregational singing it should be severely restricted.
 - a. Instrumental music is allowed.
 - b. A soloist may sing.
 - c. Choirs are not allowed to gather and sing.
 - d. The celebrant of Mass may not sing at the altar under any circumstances.
3. **HOSTS FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE FAITHFUL:** Hosts for distribution to the faithful must be put into separate ciboria (when using the word ciboria, it includes any vessel used for hosts for distribution to the faithful) prior to Mass. These ciboria must be placed to the side of the altar and covered either with a lid or, especially in the case of plates or bowls, by a corporal, pall or purificator. They must be covered until the time for distribution to the faithful. Priests are not to use one large container for the hosts to be distributed to the faithful under any circumstances.
4. **PARISH FACILITIES:** Parish and/or school facilities, including parish or school grounds, may not be used for gatherings or receptions of any sort until further notice.
5. **OPENING OF SCHOOLS:** We continue to work on plans to open our schools safely. As these plans develop, we will present them to our school principals as well as to our priests.

Just a couple of other things to mention. We will not be live-streaming daily Mass from July 13 – July 25. Deacon Larry will be on vacation (yes, I occasionally allow him some time off! ☺).

Daily Mass tomorrow, July 15, will be at 9am instead of 10am because of a funeral Mass.

That about covers it for now – I hope everyone is having a fantastic summer!! God bless & stay safe!! ☺

Peace & grace,

Fr. Kevin