

ST. KATERI TEKAKWTIHA PARISH  
COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR PHASE II

Dear St. Kateri Parishioners:

I want to thank you all for your prayers, patience and support during this long challenging time of the Covid-19. And I pray that you and your families remain strong as we enter the next phase to a new life of faith, hope and love of our God and of one another.

These safety protocols are our guide and commitment to ensure the well-being of all who participate in our parish life and worship at SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA, CRISTO REY, SANTA ROSA, EL SEÑOR, SAN MARTIN, AND SAN IGNACIO CHURCHES.

These protocols will take effect on October 10, 2020.

1. We continue to cooperate and abide with all health protocols issued by the Diocese of Tucson and the Pascua Yaqui Tribal Administration all the time.
2. There is no guarantee that we might not have to regress again if we experience an unexpected spike in the coronavirus. The Parish will post all updates and changes in protocols via our communication media: *Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish Facebook; Flocknote, and Website: STKATERIPARISH.NET.*
3. There is always an inherent risk, regardless of age or health, in attending public events, including the public Mass. Your presence at Mass constitutes your understanding and acceptance of this level of risk.
4. Any parishioners, clergy, staff ministers or volunteers who are feeling sick in any way may not come onto parish property. Those identified by the CDC as "more at risk", especially those with a chronic health condition or over the age of 65 are encouraged to refrain from in-person events at church.
5. We shall continue to live-stream all our Sunday and Daily Masses, novenas, devotions, parish events, schedules, and public notices on the St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish Facebook page and the Parish website. Likewise, Children's catechism, Youth Cenacle and Family Catechism news and local events, are posted on the Facebook pages of Cristo Rey (*San Juan Diego Religious Education*) and Santa Rosa (*Santa Rosa-Richey Religious Ed Tucson*).
6. Sunday Public Masses will be offered at all our church/chapels, with a maximum sitting capacity:
  - a. Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Church-50 persons 9:00AM and 6:00PM (Misa Vispera)
  - b. Cristo Rey - 40 persons 10:30AM only
  - c. Santa Rosa - 30 persons 9:30AM
  - d. El Señor - 30 persons 8:00AM/12 Noon

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| e. San Martin  | - 30 persons | 11:00AM      |
| f. San Ignacio | - 30 persons | as scheduled |

The sign "CHURCH IS FULL" will be posted at the entrance of the church once we reach the maximum sitting capacity. Overflow may stay in their car and join in the Mass. The ministers will serve you Communion in your car.

7. The dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation remains in place at this time in the Diocese.

8. The Daily Mass, 9:00AM, at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Church will resume, following the same protocols as Weekend Masses. Funeral Masses and Quinceañeras will follow the same protocols as weekend Masses. Parish facilities will not be rented at this time for celebrations and group meetings and gatherings.

9. Baptisms will be celebrated at our chapels on Saturdays at 2PM. Attendance is kept at 10 per family in order to safeguard the infants/children presented for baptism.

10. Holy Communion is to be received only in the hand. The chalice is not shared. Distribution of the Eucharist will take place at its normal place. Those who receive Communion will process in parallel lines to the front keeping the 6ft distance between each other.

11. The use of face masks is mandatory for all. All persons must follow strict social distancing of 6ft. between unrelated persons, indoors and outdoors. Family of 5-6 members may sit together but keep social distance from others.

12. Holy water fonts are not in use. No holding hands at Our Father. The Sign of Peace should be offered without contact.

13. Only the cantor(s) may be singing some parts of the Mass. Congregational singing is prohibited in order to minimize the airborne spread of the virus.

14. Sacramental confession will be celebrated on Saturdays, 5-7PM at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish. Masks must be worn.

15. Frequently touched surfaces and the chairs in the church shall be cleaned and sanitized after use. Hand sanitizers and extra masks are made available at the entrance to the church.

16. During this phase, Fiestas and Social Gatherings, on-site food preparation/cooking at all church/chapel properties are not allowed for the protection of all.

17. Additionally, where there is food distribution, the use of facemasks, social distancing protocols, and hand sanitizing are mandatory while in the premises.

At all times we keep rejoicing in the Lord who governs all times and seasons. To him be glory forever!

Fr. Seraphim Molina, ST

Pastor

September 30, 2020