



St. Mary Immaculate Conception Parish

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Rev. Thomas Nirappel, Parochial Administrator

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Dear St. Mary's Parish Family,

We are overjoyed to announce that our parish will re-open for public weekend Mass on Sunday, July 5. Mass will be held at our regularly scheduled time of 8:30 a.m. As we prepare to join for Mass, we ask you to please note the following:

- The dispensation to attend Mass remains. If you are feeling ill, please remain home. We encourage those who may be at high-risk to feel free to remain at home as well. We look forward to the day when we can all be together at Mass safely, without risk.
- All attending Mass are encouraged to wear masks, however, it is not required.
- Our attendance is limited to 25% of our parish capacity, this equates to 40 people. Due to our limits, we ask that those who plan to attend the weekend Mass register weekly. You can register for Mass through the following means:
 - Online at www.TorunCatholic.org/Mass
 - Through phone message to 715-344-2599 ext. 1#
- o We are taking registrations and attendance at Mass for the following reasons:
 - To help us make sure we do not go over our limit
 - To have a good contact listing in the unfortunate event that we need to use it for contact tracing.
- Due to the location of our parking lot and entryways, we will be using the same entrance at time of arrival and departure. When possible, the entrance doors will be propped open to limit touching of surfaces. Please note signage upon driving up to indicate if our entrance will be from the front or back.
- Upon arrival, please check in with our greeter, and follow the seating directions from our ushers.
- Hand sanitizer will be available, and we encourage all to use it.
- There will be no Hymnals available, and we hope to have Worship Aids. Please feel free to bring your own resources such as the Magnificat or Word Among Us. Worship Aids will be one-time use that we will ask you to remove from your pew upon departure. Any items left behind will be destroyed.
- During Mass itself, we will be unable take a collection, a basket will be available at the entrance to collect any envelopes or other offerings you may wish to make.
- At Communion time the procession to receive will be a single line and must follow distancing protocols. Please note the markings on the floor to assist with this; and take the direction of the ushers as to when your pew can proceed. No one is obligated to receive Holy Communion, but if you choose to receive, it is recommended that you receive in the hand.
- At the end of Mass, dismissal will occur in an orderly fashion, please follow the direction of the usher.
- We know that you will be excited to gather again, but at this time we ask that you please not congregate after Mass in the building or parking lot.

Volunteers are a vital part of making sure that we are prepared and able to open for public Masses. If you wish to assist at Mass as a greeter, usher, or cleaner, please contact the office.

Please note – due to manufacturing delays, our lift may not be installed by our opening date. If you will be requiring the lift to attend Mass, please make note of that when registering, so that we can notify you if delays hinder that usage.

Again, we are excited to have you all return to Mass, and I hope to see you on July 5.

In Christ,

Rev. Thomas Nirappel
Parochial Administrator

Reserve a spot for Mass at
TorunCatholic.org/Mass
or by phone at
715-344-2599 ext. 1#

Returning to Mass

As we prepare to return to public celebration of Mass, here are some guidelines to ensure the safety and well-being of our community.

The Sunday Mass dispensation is still in effect.

If you are feeling ill, stay home.

It is **highly encouraged** that those in at-risk populations should continue to participate in the Mass via television and social media. Sunday Masses continue to be televised and live streamed.

Follow Instructions

Parishes will offer guidance to all visitors

Sanitize

Sanitize your hands before entering and leaving

Masks are Strongly Encouraged

Put on a face mask before entering the Church

Follow Ushers

Ushers and signage will instruct you where to sit

Social Distance

Always maintain six feet between you and others

Skip a Pew

Every other row of pews will remain empty

Always maintain six feet between your family group and others.

Please note cry rooms will not be available.

All churches will be sanitizing pews, entrances and all other facilities used before each service.

Occupancy is limited and you may be asked to attend at another time or view Mass via online streaming.

We hope to be able to record Mass and have it available for viewing on our website at
www.TorunCatholic.org/Mass



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