



Diocese
of Toledo

Dispensation to be Lifted

The Dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays
and other Holy Days of Obligation is lifted

effective June 5, 2021

*The following are some of the notable liturgical guidelines. For a complete list,
see the memo available at reconnecttoledo.org/liturgy.*

- **Face Masks are not required**
The personal decision by some members of the clergy or the faithful to continue wearing masks/facial coverings should be respected out of charity
- **Seating will no longer be limited**
Rows will not be limited/closed. According to pastoral need, a designated socially distanced area may be provided for those who prefer such seating.
- **Holy water fonts will be filled**
Holy Water stoops and fonts without filters, or fresh water access, will continue to be cleaned on a regular basis.
- **The sign of peace may be resumed**
The Sign of Peace does not necessarily imply physical touch with others. Some members of the faithful may still be reluctant to extend/receive a physical Sign of Peace and their preference for no physical contact should be respected.
- **Holy Communion reception on the hand or tongue is the prerogative of the communicant**
- **Hymnals may be used**
Hymnals, missalettes, worship aids, etc. may once again be utilized.
- **Liturgical Ministers may be reinstated**
A full complement of liturgical ministers (altar servers, lectors, ushers, musicians, cantors, choirs) may be reinstated.

Pastors will continue to make every effort to keep the churches/chapels entrusted to their care are clean and safe.

Those who have a serious reason, the sick and infirmed as well as those with pre-existing conditions, those who are incapable of physically attending Mass, and those who care for someone who is immuno-compromised are exempt from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. They should, however, make every effort to watch a broadcast of Mass from their homes.