



*A Guide to Returning to Parish Operations and Ministry*

## HOLY WEEK/EASTER EDITION

EVENT OR INITIATIVE	RESTRICTIONS
Chrism Mass	At Cathedral, March 30. Attendance by invitation only. <a href="#">Information on the Distribution of Oils.</a>
Liturgies for Easter Triduum	Multiple Triduum services are not allowed. Additional Masses for Easter Sunday can be added at pastor/parish director's discretion. The Easter Vigil may not begin prior to 8 p.m. <a href="#">See Paschal Triduum guidelines.</a>
Distribution of Palms	Yes. Palms distributed by ushers/hospitality ministers wearing gloves and face coverings. <a href="#">See guidelines.</a>
Washing of Feet	Washing of Feet is an optional ritual and out an abundance of caution parishes are encouraged to omit it.
Transfer of the Blessed Sacrament	Procession of the Blessed Sacrament is omitted.
Veneration of the Cross	The Veneration of the Cross can be offered but no physical contact with the cross is permitted. <a href="#">View video instruction on Veneration of the Cross.</a>
Use of Easter Vigil Candles	Yes. Candles distributed by ushers/hospitality ministers wearing gloves and face coverings. The candles may be collected after Mass and quarantined for a week or sanitized before storage for next year. A reminder for parishioners to gently blow out the candles during the liturgy is suggested.
Sprinkling Rites	Sprinkling of the congregation is permitted with fresh water for every Mass.
Baptismal Font	No standing or pool of water.
Via Crucis/Stations of the Cross Processions	Yes, maintaining effective social distancing outside and with attendance limited by your ability to effectively social distance inside.
Blessing of Easter Food Baskets	Yes. With social distancing inside the Church. Families/Households keep baskets with them in pew. Outside preferred, weather permitting.
Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Bunny visits, etc.	No