

**St. John Brebeuf Instructions for Wedding Participants**  
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While in our church, we ask that you follow the following guidelines:

All participants must be on the reservation list, one person per reservation. No walk-ins allowed.

Before you arrive: Check your temperature; if you have a temperature please do not come to church. Stay home if you are ill. Make sure you have a face covering to bring and wear (we do not have extra masks).

When you arrive: Arrive at the South entrance to the church at your selected time. A greeter will welcome you, and you will be required to check in.

The greeter will verify that all attendees are symptom-free. The greeter will ask: Is anyone feeling ill today? Does anyone have a temperature today? Has anyone been directly exposed to COVID-19 in the last 14 days? Anyone who responds “yes” to any of these questions will be reminded that they should not enter. You will be required to wear a mask and required to use hand sanitizer. Please follow our volunteers' directions at all times.

Next, an usher will show you where to wait, following social distancing guidelines. There will be tape marks on the floor and the usher will show you where to stand and sit. Family members who live together may sit together. All pews will be disinfected after every use.

During the wedding: All participants must wear a mask or facial covering through the entire sacrament.

The wedding party will enter the church, observing proper social distancing. The bride, groom, parents, and two witnesses will be guided to appropriate spots.

The priest will put on a face shield and disinfect his hands prior to the blessing of the rings. The rings will be on a plate, and will be given to the bride and groom without physical contact. He will complete the nuptial blessing while maintaining social distancing.

For the Liturgy of the Word, the reader may lower his/her mask for the proclamation of the reading. The procession with the gifts is omitted. Holy Communion is to be distributed only in the form of the consecrated host, and only in the hand, with the priest sanitizing his hands immediately before and immediately after distributing Communion. The priest will also put on a face shield in preparation for the Giving of the Eucharist.

Receipt of Communion: Please observe the following procedure:

- \* Move forward in a single-file line maintaining six feet between each person; use markers on floor and follow instructions of usher
- \* Sanitize hands as guided by usher
- \* Do not touch your face, clothing, or any other surface after sanitizing your hands
- \* Approach priest after sanitizing hands, receive the Host in your hand ONLY
- \* Step six feet to the side, remove strap from one ear of your mask to uncover your mouth, and consume the Host
- \* Replace the mask over your mouth and nose and return to your seat

Conclusion of the wedding: Participants are asked to remain seated until an usher directs you to exit the pew.

We ask that photographs be taken outside the church after the wedding, where more space is available. It is recommended that all but the bride and groom wear masks. If the priest/deacon is to be photographed with the wedding party, he is required to keep his mask on.

We encourage visitors to use the restroom in advance, for your safety and the safety of others. Do not congregate outside the church. Continue to wear your face covering or mask until you leave where worshipers are.