

Back to Mass

Bulletin announcements

Back to Mass — Reigniting the Fire

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, many of us have grown in appreciation of, and desire for, some of those things we've had to do without. As Catholics, in the absence of communion with one another and Holy Communion, we've had a chance to reflect upon the joy that comes from fellowship, parish life, and the life that comes from the Eucharist. As the COVID-19 pandemic subsides, we welcome you back to experience this joy and life. We look forward to seeing you and together reigniting the fire of our faith!

Back to Mass — 'Where there is something more'

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St. John Chrysostom reminds us, "You cannot pray at home as at church, where there is a great multitude, where exclamations are cried out to God as from one great heart, and where there is something more: the union of minds, the accord of souls, the bond of charity, the prayers of the priests" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2179).

Back to Mass — 'Created for Communion'

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"Attending the in-person celebration of Sunday Mass and receiving Jesus in the Eucharist are vital to our lives as Catholic Christians. We were created for Communion. Whether you are returning to your home parish, or seeking a local parish on vacation, your participation in the Mass unites you with the Church — the Body of Christ. This communion transforms us as persons and enables us to make manifest the Kingdom of God in our world. The celebration of the Eucharist truly is the source and summit of our faith." — Minnesota bishops

Back to Mass — 'Beating heart of the Church'

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"Jesus prepares a place for us here below, because the Eucharist is the beating heart of the Church. It gives her birth and rebirth; it gathers her together and gives her strength. But the Eucharist also prepares for us a place on high, in eternity, for it is the Bread of heaven." — Pope Francis, in his homily on the Feast of Corpus Christi in 2018

Back to Mass — Exemptions to the obligation

The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation in the Diocese of St. Cloud begins again the weekend of July 3-4. Although the general dispensation will no longer be available, the Church has always recognized that certain circumstances can excuse a person from the requirement to observe the obligation. For more information, visit

<https://stcdio.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/21.0603-Back-to-Mass-Statement.pdf>.