COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION MEMO TO ST. LUKE PARISHIONERS

On Sunday, May 24, 2020, we will celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. Mass will be live-streamed at 11:00 am from inside the church, with Communion distributed afterward via a "drive-through" flow. St. Luke Parishioners are invited to remain in your cars and view the live-streamed Mass on your Smart Device while the Mass is celebrated inside. No parishioners will be permitted in the church. In accord with social distancing requirements you must always remain inside your vehicle and pay close attention to the directions for traffic flow given by the ushers, who will be identifiable by their traffic safety vests.

Since this is the first time we are attempting this type of event, we ask for your prayers and patience. Our Bishop has instructed that it can only be offered if it can be done safely and in a dignified manner worthy of the Body of Christ. If we find this practice to be impractical or undignified, we will discontinue further Masses of this type.

Safety First:

- Those with a COVID-19 diagnosis or symptoms, those not feeling well, or in a high-risk category should NOT attend this event.
- You should wear a face mask or keep your windows closed if there is less than six feet between your car and the next vehicle.
- Follow parking instructions as directed and be aware that there will likely be long lines. Be prepared to
 wait for up to two hours without access to restroom facilities. This is a warning and only a precautionary
 guess of the duration to serve our 5,000+ families.

Communion Distribution Instructions:

- Put your vehicle in park and keep your mask on. You must not wear gloves. Instead, please sanitize your hands prior to receiving Communion.
- Roll down your window and place your hands palms up toward the Eucharistic Minister as shown here. Please do not put your hands far outside the vehicle.
- You will receive the Body of Christ in your hands ONLY.

Final Notes:

- Multiple communion stations will be arranged in a line, so several cars will receive Communion simultaneously. Eucharistic Ministers will be stationed on both sides of the cars.
- You may remove your mask immediately before receiving and replace it afterward.
- You should not be wearing gloves, and you should not have anything else in your hands.
- Communion will be distributed on-site only and only to those present. No one is permitted to take Communion from the premises.
- Eucharistic Ministers will avoid physical contact with communicants; physical contact of any type will require immediate sanitizing. Liquid hand sanitizer will be available to the ministers and held by staff members wearing gloves.
- There will be a Collection Station for your parish donation. No food or other types of donations can be accepted during this event.

We anticipate great interest in this distribution of Holy Communion after such a long time, and we look forward to sharing this joyous opportunity with you. Please continue to pray for our St. Luke family!

