**PLEASE READ**

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTENDING ALL PUBLIC MASSES**

**(INCLUDING WEEKDAY MASSES)**

* We are re-establishing public Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle following Diocese guidelines. Please review Bishop McKnight’s instructions on the parish website under the Resources page.
* We have limited seating (50-60) available and will be first come, first served. When the capacity limit is reached, no additional parishioners will be allowed to enter church.
* If you have a fever, cough, sore throat, symptomatic or been exposed to someone with the virus within the last 14 days – **PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND MASS**
* You are **required to wear a face mask or face covering** when entering and exiting church and going to and from Communion. Face masks or coverings are not required to be worn when you are in the pews. When receiving Communion, pull down your mask or covering, place the Eucharist in your mouth, and immediately replace your mask or covering before returning to your pew.
* Please **maintain appropriate social distancing of 6 feet**. Follow floor markings when receiving communion.
* Do not sit in pews that are roped off. Also, only the organist and cantors are allowed to be on the balcony.
* Family members may sit together.
* Place tithe/offertory in basket near center of church.
* Please refrain from using restroom if possible.
* Missals have been removed from the pews and are available on a table at the church entrance. If you want a missal, please take it home with you. Do not leave the missal in the pew. This will become your personal missal to use until after restrictions are released.