

PROTOCOL FOR OPENING OF THE CHURCH AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

THE MASSES WILL START IN OUR CHURCH FROM 30TH NOVEMBER 2020.

Guidelines for the Masses:

1. We will accommodate up to 1/3rd of our seating capacity which is **maximum 50 for each mass**
2. There will be 4 masses on weekdays **Morning:** 6.30am and 7.15am; **Evening:** 6.30pm and 7.15pm
3. **One community per day will get to attend any of the 4 masses for the day.** The Community families will have to inform the Coordinator the mass they would be attending for the smooth functioning and avoiding over-crowding for a particular mass
4. If any community is having less families, Two communities will be combined for a day
5. It is strongly recommended that persons above 65 years of age and children below 10 years, persons with co-morbidities and pregnant women avoid coming to church
6. **Community allotment for attending masses is shared below:**

Date	Community
30 th Nov, Monday	Rabodi & Shreerang / Satguru
1 st Dec., Tuesday	Kolbad
2 nd Dec., Wednesday	Cherai North & Horta Mahageri
3 rd Dec., Thursday	Uthalsar
4 th Dec., Friday	Kopri
5 th Dec., Saturday	Cherai South
7 th Dec., Monday	Khopat / Pratap / Narlipada
8 th Dec., Tuesday	Naupada I & II
9 th Dec., Wednesday	Brindavan
10 th Dec. Thursday	K Villa
11 th Dec. Friday	Luiswadi & Gandhinagar

7. Online masses will continue. **Every day the last mass at 7.15pm will be live streamed**
8. **Sunday: All are expected to attend the online live streaming mass either in the morning at 9 am or in the evening at 6.30 pm.** Please note, nobody is allowed to come for these masses in person. However, on Sundays the church will be opened for visitation from 10am to 12noon and from 4pm to 6pm
9. **Dispensation:** Please note that dispensation is given for Sunday and hearing mass on a weekday is fulfilment of the Sunday obligation
10. No novena prayers will be recited after mass except for Our Lady of Perpetual Succour on Wednesday after 7.15pm mass which is live streamed
11. There will be no hearing of confessions until further notice from His Eminence
12. Lectors will be appointed to do the reading for the allotted day of their respective zone
13. **Collection boxes will be placed at certain points and these will take the place of Sunday collection**
14. We will review the attendance once we complete one round of all communities and we may make suitable changes that work favourably for all
15. Only gate No. 1 (School Gate) will be open for the entry to the campus. All the other gates will remain shut.
16. Sanitization at the entrance and checking of temperature with a thermo gun is mandatory
17. Wearing face mask at all times is mandatory.
18. Maintaining social distancing and sitting on the place indicated is mandatory
19. No kissing of any statues or frames in the church
20. Entrance is from the chapel side door and exit is from the basketball court side.
21. Parking of vehicles has been done front of the school & near the canteen, please follow the instruction of the watchmen
22. No recreational activities are allowed inside the campus

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