

FIRE/WEATHER/MEDICAL EMERGENCIES DURING A MASS

All alarms and potential emergency situations will be considered real until determined otherwise.

Fire Emergency

- MASS WILL STOP
- Presider will announce:
 - Evacuate via closest exit
 - Do NOT get in cars (this will interfere with emergency responders)
 - Do NOT go to the Nursery or any classrooms
 - Children will be escorted to safety by their teachers
 - If and when it is safe to do so, Mass will resume
- People should exit via the main entrance and the side doors
 - Ushers, Sacristans, and able parishioners should assist anyone needing help moving away from the building
 - All should move across the parking lots to wooded/grassy areas be out of the way of emergency responders
- Presider will evacuate the Blessed Sacrament, if necessary

Weather Emergency

- MASS WILL STOP
- Presider will announce:
 - Weather situation specifics
 - If necessary, evacuate in an orderly manner to the back hallway and classrooms
 - Do NOT attempt to retrieve children from the Nursery or classrooms
 - Children will be escorted to safety by their teachers
 - Ushers, Sacristans, and able parishioners should assist anyone needing help moving to safety
- Presider will evacuate the Blessed Sacrament, if necessary

Medical Emergency

- Presider will determine if MASS WILL PAUSE OR CONTINUE
- Congregation may be asked to remain quietly in their seats until the emergency is over (i.e. ambulance has left with the patient)
- AED (automated external defibrillator) devices are located in the Church, Social Hall, under monitor in Adult Ed/OCI hallway, outside Adult Lounge and Gym and 2nd floor Family Life Center

Other Emergencies

- Presider and Staff on hand will assess the situation and determine appropriate actions
- Presider will determine if MASS WILL PAUSE, STOP, OR CONTINUE
- Ushers, Sacristans, Staff, and able parishioners should assist anyone needing help
- In the event of an intruder, the best practice is RUN, HIDE, FIGHT
 - RUN if you can
 - Get outside and far away from the building
 - HIDE if you can't run
 - Silence cell phones
 - Hide under pews
 - FIGHT if you can't run or hide
 - Use whatever is at your disposal

If you are a trained and certified medical professional or first responder and are willing and available to help in an emergency, please check in with the Mass Captain prior to the Mass you are attending. Thank you.