



**UPDATE ON THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRED LITURGY  
OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP  
ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA  
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022**

The Department of Public Health of the City of Philadelphia, on Monday, April 11, 2022, reinstated the indoor mask mandate to curb the spread of COVID-19 and any of its variants. This mandate goes into effect on Monday, April 18, 2022. This mandate affects **only** the City of Philadelphia within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

In accord with our previous application of this same mandate, the following is to be observed in all churches, public chapels and oratories in the City of Philadelphia:

- The faithful are strongly encouraged to wear a face covering/mask, whether vaccinated or not, in the body of the church.
- The priest, deacon, and liturgical ministers **are not** to wear a face covering/mask in the sanctuary.
- If a face covering/mask is worn by the faithful, it is to be removed **before** the reception of the Body of Christ at the Communion of the Mass.

Thank you so very much for your generous assistance in observing this updated directive. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [fr.dgill@archphila.org](mailto:fr.dgill@archphila.org).

In Christ,  
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