



Christ Church of the Rio Grande Valley
An Anglican Church Plant in Mission, TX
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COVID-19 REGATHERING PROTOCOL

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Summary:

For most of its history, Christ Church RGV has met at a senior apartment building. Due to COVID-19, the vulnerability of the facility's residents necessitates a change in location. Christ Church RGV will begin gathering at Downtown Café (located on the main street of Mission's business district). In addition to cleaning and social distancing measures, the church will continue to provide a Zoom option for those for whom in-person gatherings may pose a higher risk.

New Location & Time:

Beginning May 31, 2020

Downtown Café
408 North Conway Avenue, Mission, TX 78572

Sundays – 10:30am

Cleaning and Social Distancing Protocol:

Signage will be posted stating: "***Social distancing in effect – please do not touch/hug those not in your family or attending with you.***" The following precautions will be posted alongside this message:

- All Christ Church RGV gatherings (including studies) will be made available over Zoom.
- Church volunteers will disinfect all surfaces 30 minutes prior to each service.
- A hand sanitizer station is available immediately inside the café's front entrance. Sanitizing wipes are provided for those who wish to disinfect their own table/chair.

- A collection box is available at the hand sanitizer station before and after the service. Regular members: please transition to online giving at www.ccrio.org/giving.
- Service booklets will not be reused. You may take them home or discard them on your way out.
- The café's arrangement of tables and chairs meets government social distancing requirements and will be maintained for services. We request you only sit at a table with immediate family members or visitors attending with you.
- We ask our visitors and require our members (over two years old) to wear a mask until further notice, but we will not participate in a growing trend of "mask shaming."
- Passing of the Peace: no physical contact until further notice. A peace sign is sufficient.
- Eucharist: clergy will prepare individual cups of bread and wine (from the reserve) prior to the liturgy. He will distribute them by table during the liturgy. Please wait to partake of the host until all have been served and clergy say the words of distribution. (Clergy will wear a mask and will wash hands with disinfecting soap and water immediately before preparing the cups and during liturgical distribution.)
- Those partaking in communion are asked to leave individual cups on the tables for the clergy to dispose of properly after the service. This is for both sanitary reasons and in order to ensure proper disposal of our unused consecrated bread and wine.
- Clergy will pray for God's blessing on those who 1) have not been admitted to the Table, 2) choose to abstain from communion person, and 3) are joining via Zoom.
- No appropriated hospitality time will be held inside establishment unless café owners are serving on special occasions. Even then, social distancing by table/families will remain in effect. No food or beverage will be served unless by café staff.
- Outside Sunday services, bible studies and small groups will be limited to groups of no more than ten and will meet at the discretion of the rector.
- Christ Church RGV will adhere to any directives issued by the bishop of the Diocese of the Western Gulf Coast and the guidance of civil authorities on these matters.