



Prayer awakens. Justice Impels. Compassion acts.

*Thy Kingdom Come*

The Monastery of St. Gertrude shares in the physical, emotional, and spiritual hardships endured by so many through the COVID-19 pandemic. As caregivers, we strongly encourage all eligible people to receive a vaccination. With compassion, we acknowledge that a number of situations preclude a person from being vaccinated. Holding these realities in tension, informed by CDC, state, and local guidelines, and out of ongoing concern for the health and safety of our guests, staff, and community, the Monastery of St. Gertrude commits to the following measures in order to welcome guests back into this sacred space.

We ask all visitors to:

- Reschedule your visit if you:
  - feel sick (not limited to COVID-19 symptoms)
  - have been exposed to someone with COVID in the 14 days prior to your visit
- Wear a mask:
  - When in the Monastery, Welcome Center, or Museum
  - As needed in other public settings
- Sanitize your hands before passing through the dining room buffet line
- Cover coughs and sneezes

The Monastery of St. Gertrude will:

- Disinfect public use areas and items regularly
- Maintain hand sanitizing stations throughout the buildings
- Assign designated sections in the chapel for retreatants who wish to join us for prayer and Mass

Spirit Center will:

- Designate the ground floor for private retreatants, separated from group retreatants
- Schedule only one group in the building at a time
- Require guests to initial and sign a COVID-19 Expectations Agreement upon arrival
- Request guests strip the sheets and pillowcases off the beds but **not** remake them when they depart
- Thoroughly clean guest rooms between stays
- Rotate room assignments to maximize the time between use