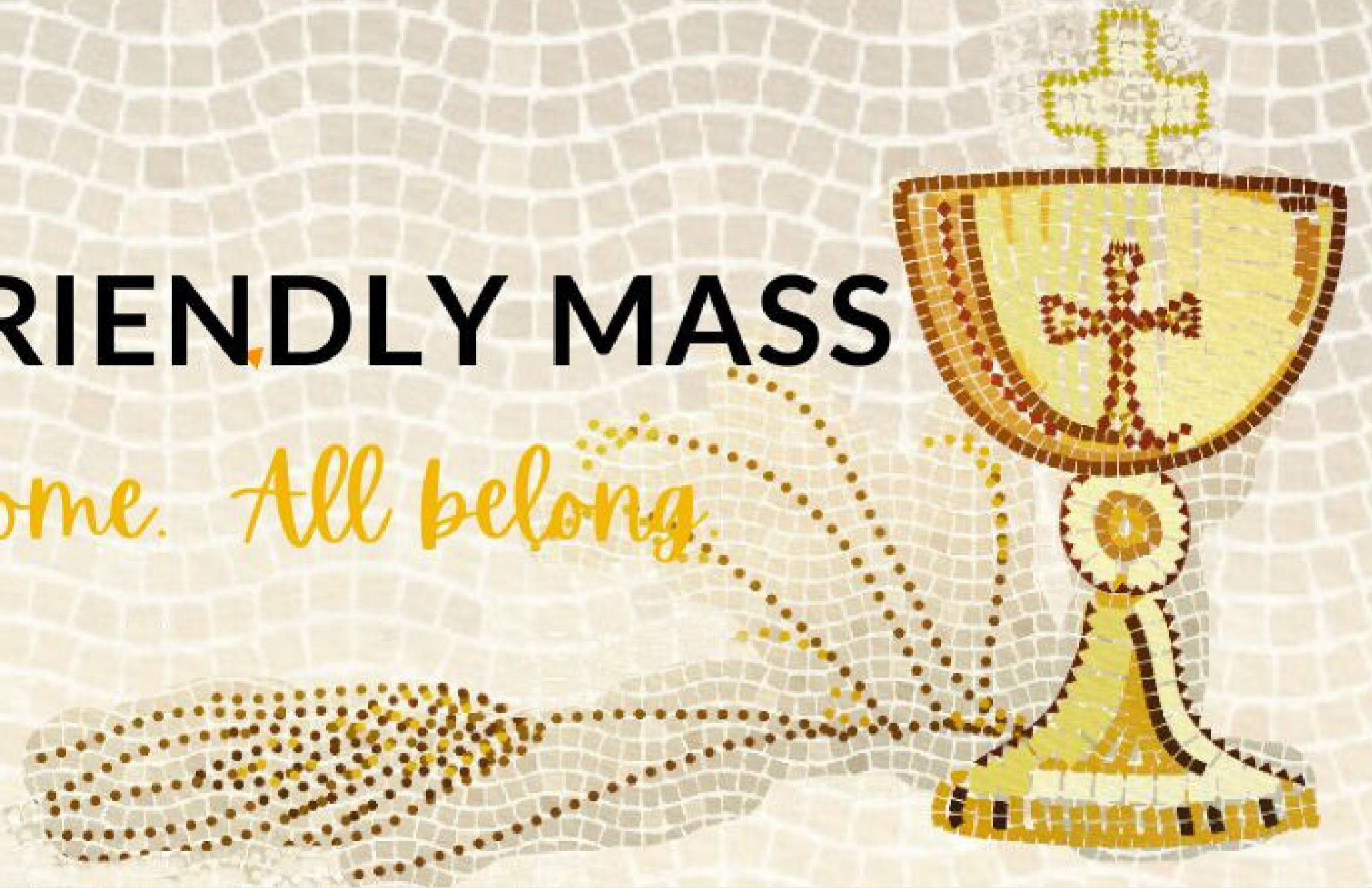


SENSORY FRIENDLY MASS

All are welcome. All belong.



Step 3: Creating a Welcoming Environment

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A Welcoming Environment

3 Key Considerations

- Etiquette & Hospitality
- Accommodations
- Visual Aids & Fidgets

Keep in mind that not every parish will be able to make every accommodation. These are just suggestions to consider.





Accommodations

Thinking Ahead:

- Noise Cancelling Headphones
- Access to Outlets
- Large-Print Missals





Accommodations

Alternative Seating:

- Wiggle Seats
- Rocking Chairs
- Seat Cushions
- Wheelchair Accessibility





Accommodations

Sensory Room:

- Dark Space
- Small Christmas Lights/Lava Lamp
- Fidgets/Manipulatives
- Alternative Seating
- Mats or Rugs
- White Noise





Accommodations

Alternative Worship Space:

- Separate Room for Live Stream
- Meets the needs of individuals who are overstimulated by crowds
- May be more comfortable for caregivers of persons who have behavioral needs





Accommodations

Alternative Worship Space:

- Does not replace Sensory-Friendly Mass Accommodations
- Allows for volume control
- Communion is brought to the room





Application & Planning

What resources and materials will you offer for persons with disabilities and their families at Mass? Will they be reused or take away? Will they be available at every Mass or only at the Sensory-Friendly Liturgies?

Will you offer a Sensory-Room, Alternative Worship Space, etc? If yes, who will be responsible? What space will you use? What materials will you need?

What other accommodations will you offer during your Sensory-Friendly Mass? (Ex. noise cancelling headphones, fidgets, etc.)



Questions & Answers

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