## Holy Mass with Pope Francis on Sunday September 29 at the King Baudouin Stadium.

Update: Wednesday 25 September.

All registered faithful are welcome to the King Baudouin Stadium in Brussels for the Eucharistic Mass, led by Pope Francis on Sunday, September 29, at 10:00 AM, within the security boundaries of the stadium.

Here are some important security guidelines to keep in mind.

## For those with a seat in the stadium:

- A total of **39,000** seats have been allocated in the stadium. Access is free, but only upon presentation of the ticket received via email from **Ticketmaster**.
- A final batch of tickets will be made available starting Wednesday,
  September 25, at 10:00 AM via the link
  <a href="https://www.ticketmaster.be/event/64003?language=en-us">https://www.ticketmaster.be/event/64003?language=en-us</a>. Any canceled tickets will be immediately released back to the public.
- Use of public transportation—train, metro (Heysel and Houba-Brugmann stations, line 6), and bus—is strongly recommended, as parking around the stadium is limited and not directly near the venue. STIB will operate at full capacity from 5:00 AM towards the stadium. Follow signage and practical instructions onsite.
- For security reasons, all registered individuals, whether alone or in a group, must enter the stadium **together** with the person who completed the registration. Anyone without a ticket will be denied entry.
- For groups, all members must enter together under the supervision and responsibility of the group leader. The group leader must ensure that all members strictly follow security guidelines and must carry the group member list.
- A limited number of seats have been reserved for individuals with reduced mobility, along with parking spaces near the stadium. These individuals have received specific instructions from INTER-Vlaanderen.
- Bishops, priests, and deacons registered to concelebrate at the altar are accredited and will have access to the sacristy with a previously collected badge. Registered priests participating in Hope Happening will celebrate from their seat. All are asked to bring their alb and white stole.
- Registered youths from the Hope Happening program will travel to the stadium in groups from Brussels Expo. Children from youth movements must strictly follow the instructions of their leaders.
- The stadium will open at **6:00 AM** on Sunday, September 29, and all attendees

must be seated in their numbered spot by **8:30 AM**. Please arrive **as early as possible**, as it takes about an hour to fill the King Baudouin Stadium.

- All safety guidelines must be strictly followed to ensure the orderly conduct of the celebration and the safety of the Holy Father and honored guests. The following items are prohibited upon entry to the stadium:
  - o All bags,
  - Drones and professional cameras,
  - Umbrellas, flags, banners, and signs,
  - Sharp objects,
  - Bottles or food; only small plastic water bottles are allowed.
- A stadium has **stands**. There are no elevators, and seats are accessed via stairs.
  Access to the upper tiers requires good physical condition.
- Food trucks will be available inside the stadium grounds to provide food for purchase. Breakfast and lunch, with drinks, pastries, and sandwiches, will be for sale.
- Depending on the **weather**, bring water (small bottles) and/or warm clothing.
- The celebration will end at **12:00 PM**, but you will not be able to leave the stadium until 12:30 PM, and it will take about two hours for everyone to exit in an orderly fashion according to safety regulations.
- More practical information about the King Baudouin Stadium can be found on the website <a href="https://kingbaudouinstadium.be/index.php/practical-information/?lang=en">https://kingbaudouinstadium.be/index.php/practical-information/?lang=en</a>

## For those wishing to greet the Holy Father before he reaches the stadium:

- **Use public transportation**—train, metro (Heysel and Houba-Brugmann stations, line 6), and bus—as parking around the stadium is limited and not directly nearby. STIB will operate at full capacity starting at 5:00 AM towards the stadium. Follow signage and practical instructions, as well as police instructions, on-site.
- Ensure you are in place by 8:40 AM. Screens along the route of the Pope's procession will allow you to follow the Eucharistic celebration.