Practical Tips

Position the Phone Horizontally
Horizontal positioning is ideal for Facebook and YouTube, but vertical positioning is preferred for Instagram Live.

Use a Tripod to Stabilize the Phone
Ensure the phone is on a level surface. Avoid too much movement during the liturgy if at all possible.

Setup Your Light Source Behind the Camera
Avoid mixing outside and inside light, if at all possible, to reduce color tinge.

Reduce Background Noise by Using a Lapel or Directional Microphone
The built-in mic on most smart phones is not adequate for good quality audio. You may need an adapter to connect your phone to the microphone.

Establish Reliable Internet Connection for Streaming
If this isn’t possible, consider recording the Mass to post later or “premiere” the video on Facebook or YouTube to allow for real-time comments and interaction.

Spiritual Tips

Before Mass begins, allow parishioners to offer up any intentions for the Mass

After the Mass, answer questions about the homily in the chat window. This is an opportunity for further catechesis

Ask parishioners to virtually greet one another during the sign of peace

Pray the Spiritual Communion Prayer during Communion