

Thank You for Adhering to all Health & Safety Protocols

For the past months our parish has demonstrated courage and compassion while dealing with the challenges that arose with Covid-19. You have responded well in this challenging time to the many changes that have occurred at the Cathedral.

Please know that your efforts to adhere to our safety protocols continue to minimize the risk of exposure and have helped allow our Cathedral to remain open in a safe manner.

Even though our perception of 'safety' may differ, we are learning to cope together. We know it can be hard not to be able to do the same things we used to do at the Cathedral. It is important to remember that all decisions were made to minimize risk levels to parishioners, volunteers, staff and clergy.

What can you do to help us minimize risk?

- 1) **Seating:** Please allow the ushers to guide you to your seat. This will allow for the optimization of seating while maintaining social distancing. A mass will be simultaneously celebrated in the parish hall *if required* once we fill all available seats in the Cathedral.
- 2) **Communion:** *Process with others.* Please accept a blessing if you cannot take communion and continue to process back to your seat. This avoids people from having to try to pass over you or be too close when getting back to their seating.
- 3) **Masks:** The use of face shields as a substitute for masks is not recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. In view of this recommendation face masks must be worn when attending the Cathedral.
- 4) **Sign up to receive the bulletin** at our website at procathedral.ca You will automatically receive the bulletin and current, up-to-date information as it is issued from the Diocese, parish, etc.
- 5) **Dispensation** from attending mass is still in place if you do not feel comfortable attending mass at this time. Links to many websites offering televised masses is available on our website under LINKS at procathedral.ca
- 6) **Confession:** Saturday from 3:00 to 3:45 PM. Cathedral opens at 3:00 PM. Confessions are done standing. There is no kneeler inside and masks must be worn to visit the confessional.
- 7) **Hearing System:** It would be helpful if you could bring your own headphone as we have a limited supply of the type that can be sanitized properly.
- 8) **Rosary:** There will be no recitation of the Rosary before masses.
- 9) **Mother of Perpetual Help Prayers:** These prayers will be celebrated on Wednesdays just prior to the 12:05 PM mass. As there can be no paper material in the Cathedral a deacon will respond on behalf of the assembly.
- 10) **Candles & Mass Cards:** No one will be allowed into the Sacristy other than the Priest, Deacon and Sacristan. Candles can now be purchased at our weekday or weekend masses. An usher will be available to assist you. Mass cards can be ordered by contacting the parish office by phone or email and they can be mailed on your behalf.

The prolonged uncertainty of the pandemic can be stressful. We are thankful for everyone who has worked hard to help us open the the Cathedral as well as for our parishioners who support them by adhering to our safety protocols.

For more details please view the document "What you can Expect/Guidelines" on our website at procathedral.ca