

ST. JOSEPH'S WELCOMES YOU BACK TO MASS - JUNE 21, 2021

My dear parishioners

We are pleased to announce the re-opening of our Church. Our first public Mass will be on Saturday, June 26 at 5:00 P.M.

The revised Covid-19 guidelines for Faith gatherings is 25% of our Church seating capacity subject to a maximum of 50 people including the Pastor and volunteers.

Given the attendance this past Spring at our weekly Mass it follows that we will need 2 weekly Masses to accommodate parishioner attendance under the new guidelines

Therefore, Father Lazarus will conduct 2 WEEKLY MASSES as follows

SATURDAY AT 5:00 P.M. beginning June 26

SUNDAY AT 8:30 A.M. beginning June 27

Seating will be on a first come first served bases until the total attendance reaches 50.

We cannot exceed the limitation of 50 people in the Church

Full cleaning of the church shall be required following the Saturday evening Mass in preparation for the Sunday morning Mass. We will endeavour to hire a clean service

Social distancing of six feet, wearing of a face mask, registration of attendance and hand sanitization remains mandatory.

The procedures under Covid-19 guidelines for receiving Holy Communion remain unchanged.

With respect to Offerings we will continue to have collection baskets in place at the exits of the Church.

With the restricted attendance limit of 50, we should try to avoid the disappointment of arriving at the Church and not being able to attend Mass due to this limitation.

In the past (when we held an 8:30 A.M Mass on Sunday) the usual attendance was 25 to 30 people. As this past attendance total is well within the 50 limit some of us who regularly attend the Saturday Mass may wish to consider the Sunday Mass.

Two weekly Masses will accommodate a combined total of 100 people which is well in excess of our past normal weekly Mass attendance.

The re-establishment of the 8:30 A.M. Sunday Mass will now provide those parishioners (who were unable to attend the Saturday Mass) with an opportunity to attend a weekly Mass at St Joseph's. We should appreciate this additional accommodation.

The two weekly Masses will require additional volunteers. We sincerely thank the volunteers who faithfully assisted with the adherence to the Covid-19 regulation during Mass attendance in the past.

As all parishioners do not receive the Bulletin via Email, please take the responsibility to inform fellow parishioners about the re-opening of the church. No doubt a parishioner, who does not receive the weekly bulletin, will appreciate your call/contact even if she/he already know about the re-opening

Thank you for your cooperation and stay safe.

Sincerely,

Father Lazarus and Parish Council

P.S Should you have any questions about the reopening please feel free to contact

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