

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Our Mass Protocols for June 13/14, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

1. It is our pleasure to inform you that you will be able to attend Mass in person this coming weekend (June 13/14). Because we wish to move slowly to ensure compliance with the guidance given to us by the Archdiocese, the Mass times for this coming weekend will be as follows:
 - 4:30 PM, Saturday, June 13
 - 9:30 AM, Sunday, June 14

2. At an appropriate point in the future, we will be ready to offer Mass at 11:30 AM.

3. You are kindly asked to let us know which Mass you will be attending using **THIS LINK**. NOTE that we are not asking you to "BOOK" your Mass time; however, we cannot exceed the thirty percent capacity limit established by the Government of Ontario (approx. 130 persons at each Mass) and may have to turn people away depending upon numbers. Your completing the above survey helps. NOTE also that the Sunday 9:30 AM Mass will be "live streamed" for those who cannot attend; **LINK HERE**.

4. All those attending weekend Mass are asked to comply with the following:
 - Please arrive early enough to account for the time needed to follow the new seating procedures (below);
 - Enter **ONLY** by the **MAIN ENTRANCE DOORS** of the church (Percy St.; the entrance that was locked this winter);
 - Ushers will guide each person or party to their seat(s). Seating will be **ASSIGNED**. Please follow the Usher's directions; we will be seating people from front to back;
 - Please recognize that you might need to wait in the Narthex for Ushers to direct you to an available seat;
 - Mass will begin promptly at 9:30 AM; please arrive in time to be seated;
 - Persons requiring use of the elevator, along with their assistants, can enter via the Brother André door;
 - Ushers will be present at **BOTH** entrances to give guidance as necessary;
 - **MASS MISSALS** - None will be issued. A limited supply will be available on a table to be taken home **AFTER** Mass (and **KEPT** for own use, to bring to Mass, etc.).
 - Families may choose to be seated together without social distancing;
 - **WASHROOMS** - The only washroom available for use will be the handicapped washroom. This washroom can be accessed three ways: (a) via the elevator, (b) via the Sanctuary stairs (green stairs adjacent to the Sanctuary), or (c) **PRIOR TO MASS ONLY**, via the Brother André door (walk all the way around from main doors to Brother André door as all other doors will be locked). Please use the washrooms only if necessary (go before leaving home :)).

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- HOLY COMMUNION - An Usher in the centre aisle will indicate pew-by-pew when to go forward for Holy Communion. Please proceed forward respecting the new distancing norms and kneel or stand at an empty MARKED spot on the communion rail to wait for the Presider;
- Fr. Tim will be the only person distributing Holy Communion. He will be washing his hands with warm soapy water immediately before and immediately following the distribution of Holy Communion;
- The Archbishop has asked that all persons receive communion in the hand. This will be the norm at Blessed Sacrament until further notice;
- Recognizing that this coming Sunday is the SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI), Fr. Tim will conduct a brief liturgical ceremony before dismissal;
- Private prayer after Mass - Those wishing to pray privately after Mass are asked to do so ONLY in the pew which they occupied during Mass;
- Following the dismissal, congregants may leave the church via any of the exits; all congregants are, of course, asked to respect distancing norms while doing so;
- DONATIONS - There will not be a collection taken during the Mass. Instead, collection baskets will be placed at each entrance. Parishioners are asked to bring their envelopes to donate. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN PEN in case needed. VISITOR envelopes will be available in the event that you wish to use one.
- PRE-AUTHORIZED DONATIONS - Parishioners are asked to consider signing up for pre-authorized donations. In due course, a financial update will be provided. Bottom line, at this time, there is a need to do what we can to help the parish meet expenses. The pre-authorized donation form can be downloaded [HERE](#). When completed, (a) simply deposit this form in any parish collection basket, (b) bring it to the parish office, or (c) mail via Canada Post.

5. Thank you for your kind attention to the above instructions. As the weeks unfold, we as a parish will surely grow in our ability to congregate and celebrate Mass together in keeping with the realities of this time. We will work to keep you informed as the weeks unfold.

Yours in Christ,
Panis Vitae,

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