

St Edward's Sunday Mass Resumes August 2, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

I am really pleased to announce that we will resume our Sunday 9:00 am Mass this Sunday, August 2. There are many precautions and procedures in place to ensure that Mass is a safe place for everyone. We can allow a maximum of 50 people into the church for Mass and, although we do not expect to have this number attending, if we do have more than 50 then we will have to turn people away. Below you will find a rather long list of instructions to follow. Please study them carefully to prepare yourself before coming to Mass. Looking forward to seeing many of you on Sunday.

Yours in Christ,
Craig Buchanan

Instructions when coming to St Edward's for Sunday Mass.

- Use the washrooms for emergencies only. Follow cleaning directions posted in the washrooms.
- Bring your face mask (we will be able to provide a few at the door)
- Bring your patience, in order to comply with the changes wrought by these rules.
- Always keep 2 meter distance. Tape on the floor and on the sidewalk leading to the back door marks out the 2 meter distance.
- Arrive ten to fifteen minutes early. Seating will take longer than we are used to.
- DO NOT COME if you have any health conditions that should keep you at home including fever, cough, contact with someone diagnosed with Covid-19, or have returned from travel within 14 days prior.
- There are a few of the monthly Living With Christ booklets. If you take one, keep it. Do not return it to the pile.
- A basket for offering is in the south wing hallway. Donations can be made before or after Mass. There will be no offering collection during Mass. Please keep in mind that many parish expenses continued during the lockdown.

Upon Arrival

- To control access, only the back door from the parking lot will be open. Please note that we are limited to only 50 people in the church. Although we don't expect to reach this number, if we do we will have to turn away people.
- Before the inner entry doors and on the sidewalk leading to the door, respect the distancing floor markers • Upon entry, you will be asked to sign-in. This is necessary in case we have to do contact tracing.
- Sanitize your hands.
- Before the inner doors, study the pictogram that describes distancing rules and the process for communion.
- Inside the final doors, there is no holy water
- With the assistance of the usher, find a pew while respecting the floor markers. For family groups, use only the center pews toward the back that afford more space.
- Masks are required while inside, except for those who cannot wear them.
- Avoid touching any other pew but yours. If you have mobility issues, simply take your time.
- Respect the distancing floor markers on your way to your pew; do not pass anyone in the aisle
- Sit only behind the green tape on the pew in front of you. This ensures 2M physical distancing
- Please do not participate in the singing. More droplets at greater force are expelled while singing.

During Communion

- Proceed to communion, row by row, starting from the front, side sections. The center section of pews should wait until everyone from the side has passed.
- Maintain 2 meter distancing while going forward to receive communion. Wait for there to be space in the aisle.
- Reach out with hands cupped to receive communion. The communion minister will drop the wafer into your hand. They cannot touch your hand.
- Do not say "Amen". We will do this before going up for communion.
- Remove your mask after you have moved away from the communion minister.
- Use the side aisles to return to your seat.

After Mass

- The back row will exit first
- Do not leave your pew before the people behind you have left theirs
- Do not stop, thereby holding up traffic, until you are dispersing into the parking lot
- Clergy will not be greeting at the back
- There will NOT be a weekly bulletin distributed after mass.
- If you want to socialize, please do so on the church lawn, always staying physically distanced.