

Christ Our Saviour Parish – Public, Limited, Controlled Mass Guidelines

June 21, 2020

Due to the current pandemic and Provincial Emergency Protocols that are currently in place, the Archdiocese of St. Boniface has prepared “Liturgical Protocol No. IV” for ALL Parishes to follow with regards to Parish functions during this pandemic.

Christ Our Saviour is now ready to Commence Public, Limited, Controlled Masses. As of the July 11/12 weekend, we will once again have our 5:00pm Saturday and 11:00am and 6:00pm Sunday Masses.

We wish to inform you of the following requirements if you wish to participate in the Public Limited Controlled Weekend Mass at Christ Our Saviour Parish.

- All people attending Mass must use the front doors for entry. The side and rear Church doors will remain locked. Using the Front Entrance before the start of Mass will allow everyone to be accounted for in accordance to the Limited Control Protocol.
- It is required that everyone attending a Mass (all the congregation) must wear a mask. You must have a mask. If you fail to bring your mask from home, you will not be allowed to enter the church.
- No food or physical contact will be allowed in the Church at this time.
- Please wait your turn to enter the Church. An usher will assist you upon arriving at the front entrance of the Church. You and your family will be screened at the front door before entering the Church. You must be wearing your face mask. If any of the following is true for you or your family, you will NOT be allowed entrance and will be asked to go home:
 - If you have travel history outside of Manitoba within the last 14 days
 - If you or any of your family members in your household have fever or flu-like symptoms
 - If you have recently been in close contact with a probable or confirmed case of COVID-19
- For anyone who wishes to attend and participate in the Mass, please contact the parish 204-326-3411 to reserve your seat. All reservations will made via phone calls only. Be ready to give your name, phone number, and the names of family members that will be attending with you. Only those that have reserved seats will be allowed to enter the church during that scheduled Mass. We would appreciate if you can secure your seats by 3p.m. on Thursday prior to the weekend Mass you will attend. This will allow us to coordinate and plan accordingly. If you know that you are not able to attend a Mass that you have reserved, please contact the church right away so that we can arrange for a substitute to take your seats.

- Your name and the names of your family members attending Mass will be recorded on a Contact Tracing Form that the Ushers will use to confirm your attendance. When you arrive, you will be screened by the Ushers and you will be asked to sanitize your hands at the liquid hand sanitizer stations. An Usher will then lead you to an open pew where you are to remain during the Mass. Individuals will be asked to sit opposite a blue tape marking that is fixed to the back of the pew in front of you and families will be asked to sit between the blue tape markings. If required, please go to the washroom before Mass begins. The Washroom in the Narthex is the only washroom that you will be permitted to use. No one is to go into the basement. Please make sure you observe proper handwashing and sanitizing practices before and especially after using the washroom. The Basement is closed for sanitary reasons. Only the Main level of the Church will be available during Mass at this time.
- Once in the Sanctuary, the aisles will be marked for one-way travel. The middle or main aisle will be one-way towards the altar. The side aisles will be one-way towards front doors. The rear aisles will be one-way towards the main aisle.
- Please be considerate of others and observe social distancing guidelines at all times.
- At this time only 26 people will be allowed to sit in the pews inside the Church at any given time.
- Congregational singing will not be permitted as it is proven to produce more droplet and project viral particles further. We are allowing 2 choir members, one vocal and one musical accompaniment, to serve as Music leaders. They will be at a safe distance from everyone.
- There will be a collection. Collectors will come by with long handled baskets for you to drop your tithe into during the time of collection. We strongly encourage donations through auto withdraw or donations through the St. Boniface Website:
<https://www.archsaintboniface.ca/index.html?lang=en>
- The Sign of peace will be acknowledged by a head nod only, no handshakes at this time. Social distancing is to be maintained at all times.
- The Communion procession will be done with a single line (not two) and one pew at a time. Use the center aisle to approach the Priest and go back to the pew using the side aisle. The Ushers will control traffic and will let each pew know when it is their turn to proceed. Please keep your distance by standing on the taped lines measured at 6 feet apart following the marks on the floor. Those sitting in the side pews may proceed to the center aisle AFTER the main aisle pews have completed communion and are back in their pews. Again, follow the Usher's directions.
- The Body of Christ will only be given in the hand, not on the tongue. The Host will be dropped in the palm of your hand by the Priest, therefore be ready to receive it so as not to drop it. Be attentive. No physical contact can be made by you or the Priest. Once you receive the Host from Father, you are to proceed to the first white line to the side, lower your mask, consume the Host, re-set your mask and then return to your pew.
- The Precious Blood will not be distributed at this time.

- At the end of Mass, please wait until the recessional hymn is finished before exiting one pew at a time out of the Church. The Ushers will control the exit from the church via the SIDE AISLES. The center aisle will not be used for exit. The Ushers will allow one pew at a time to exit via the side aisle, to the Narthex (lobby) to the front doors.
- To ensure that proper social distancing is observed exiting the church please wait until the Ushers signal for you to leave your pew. Please observe a 6 foot distance by standing on the marks on the floor and following them into the Narthex.
- The bulletin will not be available as a hard copy to hand out at Mass. We encourage you to continue to receive the Bulletin via email or our website. <http://christoursaviour.org/>
- If you would like to speak with the Priest, please let an Usher know. Please follow the direction of the Usher. He will either instruct you to an area to stay and wait, or He/ She will take down your information and advise you that the Priest will be in contact with you at a later date, or He/ She will instruct you to go out to your car in the parking lot and wait for contact by the Usher or Priest.

The Church still recognizes the dispensation from the Sunday obligation of attending Mass physically until the end of the pandemic. The Faithful that cannot physically attend Mass are strongly encouraged to participate in Sunday Mass through Live-streaming or Television.

We realize that these are significant changes to how we would normally carry on a Mass, but these are only temporary measures. They are required for us to celebrate Masses together during this time of pandemic. These temporary measures are required to meet Provincial and Diocesan Guidelines and to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Thank-you for your attention.