

ST. AGNES/ ST. ANTHONY STAGE 1 PARISHIONER INFORMATION

It is with great pleasure that the Twin Parishes of St. Agnes and St. Anthony can again offer the opportunity to our parishioners to celebrate the Mass according to the Guidelines for the Reintroduction of the Public Celebration of Holy Mass (the “Guidelines”). We are entering Stage 1 whereby our parish can offer the opportunity to attend mass to a limited number of our parishioners.

Our ability to offer weekday and Sunday Masses is dependent on our ability to recruit the necessary Volunteer Teams for each mass. Without a full complement of members of our Volunteer Teams, we will not be able to celebrate mass. Please see the Parish website for a listing of Mass Times where we have our Volunteer Teams in place.

The volunteer team consists of:

- One Safety Coordinator- who will ensure that we are abiding by the Guidelines.
- Two Point of Entry Team Members- who will confirm that parishioners have registered for the mass before entering the church, confirm the contact information for the registrants and ask questions about health and travel as per the Guidelines
- Two Ushers- who will direct parishioners entering and exiting the church and during communion
- Two Members of the Cleaning and Disinfecting Team- who will clean and sanitize the church as per the Guidelines.

If you are interested in volunteering for the Volunteer Team, please contact the Parish Office at 780-432-0611. All volunteers will be trained.

Who Can Attend?

The Guidelines permit all parishioners who wish to attend Mass to do so. However, the parish is discouraging any parishioner over the age of 65, or persons who are medically fragile to refrain from attending Mass during Phase 1. During Phase 1, it is not mandatory that you attend Sunday Mass. All people attending will be doing so at your own risk. Children should remain with their parents and should not move around.

The Children’s Cry Rooms will not be available during Phase 1.

Before You Attend Mass:

During Phase 1, the maximum number of parishioners who are allowed to attend is 40 parishioners.

If you wish to attend a Mass, you must register to attend a particular mass. You will need to provide your name, contact information and the names of all those in your family/cohort that

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will be attending with you.

To register for a mass, you can either:

- Call the Parish Office at 780-432-0611; or
- Register on-line at <http://twinparishes.caedm.ca/>

Because of the limited number of people allowed to attend a Mass during Stage 1 as per the Guidelines, **ONLY THOSE INDIVIDUALS REGISTERED WILL BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND THE MASS.**

What Should I Bring with Me to the Mass?

- A protective mask should you desire to receive the Holy Eucharist. The parish is unable to supply masks to our parishioners;
- Your collection envelope (if desired); and
- Hand sanitizer.

What Will Happen When I Arrive at the Church for my Scheduled Mass?

- Please maintain appropriate social distance and wear a mask
- You will be greeted by the Point of Entry Team who will verify that your family/cohort has registered to attend that mass, confirm your contact information and ask your family/cohort health and travel questions before being allowed to enter the church.
- Only one entrance will be open. All other entrances will be locked. The entrance for St. Agnes Church will be the entrance. The entrance for St. Anthony Church will be the entrance.
- After being cleared by the Point of Entry Team, your group can enter the church. At the entrance, you will find a sanitizing station. Each member of your group must sanitize their hands upon entry to the church.
- You will then be directed by the Usher to your pew. Please sit in the area designated by the Usher. Your family/cohort must sit together. Seating in the church has been designated according to social distancing directives pursuant to the Guidelines.

During the Mass:

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- There will not be any singing during the Mass during Stage 1
- There will not be any holy water in the water fonts
- Only one Reader will read the Readings, Responsorial Psalm and Prayers of the Faithful
- The Deacons are not involved during the Mass
- There will be no shaking hands during the Sign of Peace
- Holy Communion will only be offered under one species—The Consecrated Host (The Precious Body of Christ). There will only be one person (the Priest or Deacon) who will be distributing communion. **Communicants are required to wear a mask while receiving Holy Communion.** Communicants are to receive the Precious Body in their hands, step a few steps away from the Priest, lower their mask so that they can consume the Eucharist, and then return to their seats.
- A collection basket for donations will be available at the entrance of the church.
- We are unable to offer hospitality during Stage 1.

After the Mass

- Please remain in your pew until directed by the Ushers to leave through the approved Exit
- Your family/cohort will be asked to sanitize your hands at the sanitizing station before leaving the Church
- You are then free to exit the church. We ask that you leave the church as directed so that the Cleaning and Sanitizing Team can clean the church between masses.
- You are free to socialize outside the church, but please remember to properly social distance.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during Stage 1 of our re-opening. All our parishioners are always in our regular prayers. I wish you all Happy Feast of Pentecost.

Yours In Christ,

Fr. Varghese
and Members of the Parish Pastoral Council