

## **SHORTENED NORMS FOR THE REOPENING OF ST. JOSEPH CHURCH**

**WELCOMD BACK!** We are so excited and happy to be together with you in Church once again.

Weekend Mass times are as before: Saturday, 5:00 pm; and Sunday 11:00 am.

You will find **signage** on all Church doors that indicate action to be taken before we come to Church, and a few guidelines we will need to be aware of and to follow.

There is no Sunday obligation during the pandemic. You are kindly asked to stay home:

- If you feel sick – fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills involving shakes, etc.
- If you are elderly or If you have a weakened immune system;
- If you feel hesitant or anxious;

The Sunday Mass, with the permission of the Bishop, will continue to be filmed.

Everyone is asked to take their temperature before coming to church and strongly encouraged to wear a face mask.

Signs indicate physical distancing (spacing of 2-metre increments) and direction of movement.

**Church Entrance:** Only the main door to the Church on Courtland Ave will be used. Doors will open a half hour before Mass and will remain wide open until Mass begins. You will find hand sanitizer on entering. Ushers will give direction. Seating begins from the front of the Church. There is no designated or preferred seating. Every second pew is cordoned off.

The chair lift is not to be used. Ushers direct disabled persons to the designated seating area.

**Standing:** There will be no overflow area. All parishioners are to be seated.

**The washroom** is to be used only in absolute necessity, one person (family) at a time, using only the designated washroom. Parishioners approach the ushers for direction.

Following directions and maintaining social distancing, we form a single line for **Communion**.

- While the person ahead is receiving Communion, remove the mask carefully.
- You approach the priest/minister only when the person ahead has moved away.
- Communion is received only on the hand, one hand on top being support by the other.
- The priest/minister places the Body of Christ on the hand in silence.
- The sacred host is consumed immediately and the mask replaced while returning.

**Concluding Rites:** People are seated for announcements: they are reminded:

- to place their Sunday offering in the baskets provided at the exit of the Church;
- to follow the ushers' directions, leaving the Church;
- to refrain from socializing at the door or in the parking lot.

We thank you for your understanding and patience, for the safety and wellbeing of all.

Your Parish Pastoral Team