

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Brothers and Sisters,

I pray this message finds you well.

Following the announcements of Premier Ford and after consultation with Bishop Fabbro and the administration of Revera, we will begin the process of reopening our parish for the celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday, June 28, 2020.

Two services of General Absolution will be celebrated on Saturday, June 27, 2020. One will be at 2:00 pm and one will be at 7:00 pm.

The safety of the parishioners, the residents of Windermere on the Mount, and the staff is my first priority. To this end, the following directives will guide our community for the foreseeable future:

1. All those who are feeling unwell or who may have a compromised immune system are asked to stay home. Bishop Fabbro has indicated that during this time, no one is obligated to fulfill their “Sunday Obligation.”
2. All those who choose to gather for the Eucharist are asked to wear a mask.
3. For the duration of the summer, Mass will be offered on Sundays at 9:00 am and 11:00 am and on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. All Masses will take place in The Chapel at Windermere on the Mount.
4. Seating is limited. Attendance at Mass will require **registration** each week through Eventbrite (<https://kings-mass.eventbrite.com>) or by calling the office for assistance. This is necessary to ensure compliance with the 30% occupancy regulation and to notify those in attendance should a future outbreak occur. Once registered, please arrive early to check in.
5. **Entrance to the facility will be strictly limited through the lower level** at the ground level (in other words, the **side entrance to The Chapel**). Those who require the assistance of an elevator will be escorted by a team member through the facility to The Chapel via elevator. This practice will be repeated upon exiting The Chapel.
6. **The parish will not be able to access The Chapel through the front doors of the facility.**
7. Entrance to The Chapel by residents at Windermere on the Mount will be limited to the two choir lofts on the third and fourth floors. For the distribution of Holy Communion, one of the Deacons or team members will bring the consecrated hosts to the lofts.
8. Following the directives of the Province of Ontario, capacity in our church will be limited to 30%. The side pews will be inaccessible, and seating will be limited to every second pew. You will be given further direction upon entry.
9. Processions will be greatly limited. There will be no offertory collection and a donations box will be left at the door of the church for our Sunday envelopes. We encourage online or automatic donations. Contact Lisa Caeiro at 519-963-1477 or lisa.caeiro@kings.uwo.ca, who will be happy to assist in setting this up.

10. Markers for social distancing will be present on the floor and throughout the facility. Hand sanitizer will also be available, though you are strongly encouraged to bring your own.
11. As per the directives of the Assembly of the Catholic Bishops of Ontario, Holy Communion will only be distributed under the form of bread.
12. As per the directives of the Assembly of the Catholic Bishops of Ontario, Holy Communion will only be distributed in the hand. Those who are not able to participate in this way, are asked to continue to commune spiritually.
13. Ministers of Holy Communion and Baptism will wear a mask for the rite.
14. Directions on how to receive Holy Communion will be provided at the beginning of each Mass.
15. The Sign of Peace, normally offered through a handshake or an embrace, will be substituted with a bow.
16. Music will be very much limited with a cantor and pianist leading the assembly. All hymnals and books have been removed from the pews.
17. Children's Programs will remain online (virtual) until the First Sunday of Advent, as will all sacramental preparation. Contact Maija Wilson at maija.wilson@kings.uwo.ca for more information.
18. Families who have arranged for baptism, confirmation and other individuals who require sacramental initiation as adults will be contacted to find both a prompt and reasonable solution.
19. Washrooms on the lower level should be used only if necessary.
20. The Chapel will be cleaned before and after every service.
21. Everyone is asked to refrain from congregating in the worship space before and after Mass.
22. Appointments to see one of the parish team members are to be made by phone call or email.

Our liturgies will look and feel very different for the next while. So, while we trust in God the Great Physician, we will continue to be prudent as we move forward.

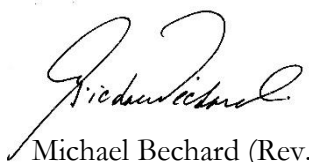
Know that we are already planning for the fall and will move some things like the Veritas Series for Faith and Culture online (virtual). Other small gatherings and programming events will be considered after further consultation with the appropriate bodies.

This has been a challenging time, but by God's grace and working together, we can avoid a second wave of illness and stress on essential personnel.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to any of us.

Until such time, please be assured of my prayers. On behalf of the team, I remain,

Sincerely,



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