



Our Lady of the Airways Parish

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RETURNING TO THE CHURCH MEMORANDUM

TO: The People of Our Lady of the Airways Parish
FROM: Father Thomas and the Pastoral Team
DATE: June 9th, 2021
SUBJECT: Ontario's 'Roadmap to Reopening' - Step 1

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*“Remember that you are never alone,  
Christ is with you on your journey every day of your lives.”  
- St. John Paul II*

As of Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, the Province of Ontario will implement phase one of its reopening plan. Churches will once again be permitted to have a **15 per cent maximum capacity** for sacramental celebrations, which is a significant improvement from the 10 people maximum that had been in place for several months.

### **Our Church's Re-Opening Mass Times:**

- **Weekday Masses** will resume on Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup> - **Monday to Friday at 9:00am**
- **Weekend Masses** will resume on the weekend of June 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> with the following schedule:

**Saturday 5:00pm English**

**Sunday 8:00am English 10:00am: Italian 12:00pm English**

At this time there will be NO PUBLIC DEVOTIONS before or after any Masses (*e.g., Rosary*)

### **DISPENSATION FROM OUR SUNDAY OBLIGATION**

Cardinal Collins continues to dispense Catholics from our Sunday obligations. Therefore, if you are not feeling well, have a pre-existing condition, or are considered to be in a high risk category, then we respectfully ask that you continue to experience church in your home through virtual Mass and personal devotions. If you wish to view online/televised Masses, please consult the full list available found at the Archdiocesan website at [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org) or you can participate in our parish weekend Masses/homilies on our YouTube channel.

### **REGARDING MASS DURING A TIME OF PANDEMIC**

**Please Note...** A member of each household is required to **SIGN IN** their family when they arrive at the entrance of the church in order to comply with contact tracing protocols. Parishioners are asked to **BRING THEIR OWN PENS**. Hand-sanitizer will be available at the sign-in stations.

- Complying with social distancing regulation, the seating capacity at Our Lady of the Airways Parish is limited to **56 designated spots** (households), or a **maximum of 150 people** within the church.
- Mass attendance at our parish will be on a **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS**.
- Parishioners will be required to **line up at the front main entrances of the church**.
- The church doors will open **30 MINUTES BEFORE DESIGNATED MASS TIMES**.
- Health officials have expressed concern regarding the faithful congregating in or around the church before and after services in large numbers. We ask you **NOT TO CONGREGATE/SOCIALIZE IN THE FOYER OR PARKING LOT** and please **always practice physical distancing** (whether you are inside/outside the church).

## COVID19 PROTOCOLS

The following physical distancing, sanitizing, and safety protocols have been put in place. Please adhere to these protocols for your good and the good of your neighbour.

- Please take a temperature check before leaving for church. If you have the slightest fever, or are feeling sick, please stay at home.
- Please wear a mask/face covering (*for everyone over the age of three*) and keep it on the entire time you are at the church. A mask will be provided if you need one.
- Please sanitize your hands at the marked sanitizing stations found at the entrance of the church.
- Once you have been directed to your designated pew, you are expected to remain seated until you exit the church.

## CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

- Please listen carefully to announcements before the start of Mass. Follow direction as advised.
- Parishioners attending Mass are asked NOT TO SING at this time to minimize the potential spread of the virus. Singing provides a significant opportunity for the projection of particles from the mouth.
- There will be NO OFFERTORY collection. Please leave donations in the designated basket upon departure as directed.
- We ask that people do not hold hands or shake hands during any portion of the celebration of the Eucharist. At the Sign of Peace, a nod or bow to others is appropriate.
- During this time of pandemic and under the guidance of local medical health officials, the faithful are asked TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION IN THE HAND by placing one on top of the other, allowing the Eucharistic Minister to safely place the Body of Christ in one's hand without contact.
- Follow direction for communion flow ensuring physical distancing at all times.
- Following Mass, please depart the church so that cleaning may commence.

## MONTH OF JUNE - VIRTUAL ROSARY AND REFLECTION

Everyone is welcome to join us Wednesday evenings from 7:00pm - 8:00pm during the Month of June for a virtual (via Zoom Video & Audio Conferencing) gathering of the Rosary and Reflection with Fr. Thomas.

**\*\*The dates for our virtual gathering will be Wednesday June 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup>**

## GENERAL

- Weddings, funerals, and baptisms will still take place (with specific restrictions for each celebration)
- **Confessions will continue to be available by appointment only. Please call the office to set an appointment with Father.**
- The **PARISH OFFICE** will remain closed to the public as per the directives of Public Health. We continue to check emails and voicemails on a daily basis.

After so many months of being closed, let us hope that this reopening will remain sustainable for the long run, especially in light of the high rates of vaccination that have taken place in Ontario and throughout our country. Not everyone, however, has been as fortunate as us. In different parts of the world, many of our brothers and sisters continue to suffer greatly from the pandemic, because they live in a country that does not have the capacity/means to offer them readily available vaccines at this time. Let us pray that one day soon, they too will have the opportunity to get the vaccine for themselves and their loved ones. Please continue to pray for all those who are sick and those caring for them.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us! Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!



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