



**Roman Catholic Diocese of
Peterborough**

**Office of the Bishop
DECREE**

In the name of God
The Most Reverend Daniel J. Miehms
Bishop of Peterborough

Whereas in March of 2020, I dispensed with the obligation of Sunday Mass in light of the coronavirus pandemic for the safety of the faithful and the common good:

Whereas public restrictions have now been lifted for public gatherings, including places of worship;

Therefore, in gratitude for the decrease of the danger to public health caused by the coronavirus and for the good of souls, I hereby restore the Sunday obligation for Catholics starting on Saturday June 18, 2022, the Vigil of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), in accordance with Canon 1245 of the Code of Canon Law.

As has always been the case, anyone with a “serious reason” or “grave cause” is excused from this obligation. Such reasons may include:

- Anyone who is sick, symptomatic, or recently exposed to the coronavirus and/or other serious communicable diseases;
- Anyone with serious health risk factors that requires them to avoid public spaces;
- Anyone who cares for someone who is sick;
- Anyone who cannot attend Mass, through no fault of their own, because of frailty or old age.

Is it stated in the Catechism of the Catholic Church that “Sunday is the pre-eminent day for the liturgical assembly, when the faithful gather to listen to the word of God and take part in the Eucharist, thus calling to mind the Passion, Resurrection, and glory of the Lord Jesus, and giving thanks to God...” (CCC1167). May our renewed commitment to attending Sunday Mass help all overcome the trials of the last two years, thus deepening our bonds with each other as we find our hope and joy in Our Lord in his Eucharistic presence of the altar.

Given at Peterborough, on Friday, June 10th, 2022.



+Daniel J. Miehm D.D.
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