

ANNOUNCEMENT BEFORE/AT MASS

Welcome to the celebration of Mass at our parish! We are looking after each other's safety and good health during these days of the pandemic. It is our hope that working together, we can stop the spread of this virus and join together in prayer safely.

This Announcement is a reminder for all of us.

It remains critically important for each of us to continue following the health precautions.

This includes:

- staying home when ill, even with mild symptoms;
- practising physical distancing of 2 metres or 6 feet with those outside your household or social circle;
- protecting your social circle;
- wearing a face covering/mask;
- washing your hands frequently and thoroughly; and
- adhering to gathering limits and rules.

The **O. Reg 364/20** became law in the Province of Ontario on October 2, 2020.

This law requires that everyone attending the place of worship (church), **must wear a face covering the entire time** that they are indoors – this includes the celebrant, deacon, and liturgical ministers.

If a person has a health concern related to the wearing of the face mask, the law provides for this exemption to be respected.

This time of uncertainty calls each one of us to renew and amplify our Christian commitment to prayer, reflection, prudent care of each other, and helping others.

Let us continue to pray for those who have died, those who are ill, those who work on the front lines and serve our community, and the ongoing work of medical researchers to discover a vaccine and a cure.

May God bless us and guide us.