

November 19, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your ongoing support during this period of great uncertainty. As you know, the number of new COVID-19 cases in Peel Region, Toronto and York Region have increased significantly in recent days and these regions are now in the “red zone” as identified by the Province of Ontario. Local medical officers of health have also made strong recommendations for places of worship to reduce their capacity in order to minimize potential transmission. To protect our community and out of love for our neighbour, Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, has made the difficult decision that we must temporarily further restrict attendance at our liturgical celebrations.

As of Tuesday, November 24th, attendance at all liturgical celebrations at parishes in the red zone, including our own, will be limited to 50 worshippers in the entire building at one time. This attendance limit applies to all sacramental celebrations - Mass, Baptisms, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Weddings and Funerals. Also, all non-essential meetings in the parish have been suspended and our office hours have been reduced to Thursday and Friday 9:30am to 4:00pm. To help address the new capacity limits, our parish will implement the following measures:

- Booking of tickets for Sunday masses will continue through Eventbrite and will be limited to 50 persons. We will not be able to accommodate anyone who shows up for mass without a ticket.
- People will be counted as they enter for weekday mass and when the limit of 50 is reached the doors to the church will be closed. We ask you to please be on time for mass to ensure you can enter. Once mass begins the doors will be shut and locked.

If you are unable to join us in person you can visit our parish website and Facebook page where the mass will be live streamed every weekday at 9:10am and on Sunday at 12:00noon

With these reduced numbers and the possibility of a complete lockdown at some point, the parish offertory will once again be affected. We ask for your continued financial support during this difficult period. Outside of mass times, you may drop your parish offertory envelopes in the mailbox outside the main church doors or bring to the office when it is open. The 2021 parish box of donation envelopes will be available 1st Sunday of Advent for pick up in the gathering space. We ask you to consider signing up for pre-authorized giving. You may also donate on-line or by coming to the office and donating by debit and credit card.

We recognize these additional restrictions are challenging. We will make every effort to continue our outreach to you through emails, our parish website, Facebook and our new “My Parish” App. Visit to the parish website and find out how to download this ap on your smartphone. We will also do everything we can to find opportunities to assist those who are vulnerable or alone among us. We pray that you and your loved ones remain safe and healthy. May God continue to bless you now and always!

Yours in Christ,
Msgr. Michael Busch