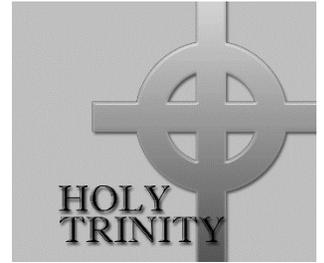


Parish Family,

As we get closer to our first service back in the building, there are a few protocols that will be put in place to protect all of us. Please read this letter carefully. Church, for now, will not be the social gathering place it once was. To start, only a small number of people will be allowed into the church each Sunday. The service will continue to be available online.



We are limited to the number of seats/people we can have in the church at this time. Therefore, you must call to reserve your seat, 519-227-4905 (Beth/Heather Smith). You will be able to book one Sunday at a time, and you must do a health self-check using the list attached. You do not need to bring the check list with you to church, but we encourage you to print it, keep a copy at hand, and ask yourself the important questions prior to attending church in the morning. Do not attend if you are feeling unwell or have any symptoms listed.

We recognize this will be a change for all of us, and we ask that everyone be patient as we adjust to this new format. The Diocese of Huron has set-forth guidelines that we must adhere. They include, but are not limited to:

- Complete a screening/self check prior to attending church every Sunday (see attached check list)
 - This is vital – no one should come to church if they are feeling unwell in any way for the safety of everyone
- Masks must be worn going into the church, while in the church and departing the church
 - We will have mask-wearing tips on our COVID-19 webpage shortly
 - If you have a medical mask exemption from your doctor please wear a shield
- All attendees will keep personal items with you (including coats, jackets, hats, book, cushions, etc.)
 - Belongings must also leave with you
- Entry to the church will be through the parish hall doors (with the ramp) then into the church through Rev. Matt's office only
 - There will be signs posted
 - You will be checked-in as you enter
- Sanitizer will be available at the entry and exit into the church
 - Please use upon arrival and exit
 - Tips on proper hand washing will be available on our COVID-19 webpage shortly
- Only the main floor washroom will be available
- Always keep six feet of distance from people outside of your "bubble" whether you are wearing a mask or not, this includes in the line to come in and exit
- Rev. Matt will not be greeting or shaking hands with anyone before or after service
- There will be music - but no singing and no choir
- There will be no hand shaking, sharing of the peace, can be done with nods, peace signs and words
- Exit will be the front door or the parish hall door
 - Ensure to give space to one-another as you leave
- Refrain from gathering at the front of the church before or after service
- When Eucharist begins the cup will not be offered, only the host
 - Instructions will be given in church on those Sundays
- There will be no Sunday School at this time

Protocols may be altered as we test them, or instructions from the Diocese or government change.

We are very excited to regather, even though it may not be the same as it was, it is a good start! We look forward to seeing everyone, in person in the upcoming months.

Your Wardens,

Shelley Reynolds and Linda Smith, August 21, 2020

Procedure/protocols for attending Sunday church services

1. Make a reservation by phoning Beth or Heather Smith at 519-227-4905.
 - a. Indicate the Sunday you wish to attend and how many will be in your party. Be prepared to have an alternate date in mind.
 - b. They will determine if there is room to comply with your request or give you some options.
 - c. If your plans change at any time, please call and let them know so that someone on the waiting list may have an opportunity to attend.

2. The morning of the service, do your health check at home. Upon arriving, the parish hall entry will be the **only entry point**. Someone at the door will check you in and direct you into the church.
 - a. Please have a mask on prior to entry into the parish hall and keep the required distance of six feet in place.
 - b. There will be hand sanitizer and bulletins at the door. Please clean your hands and take a bulletin.
 - c. The seats that are available will be marked with a rope/ribbon. For the first few weeks someone will be at the church door to assist with seating.
 - d. Since no collection will be taken up by sidespersons, a donation basket will be at the entry to the church and there will be one at the back as well.
 - e. Remain in your seats, with mask on, for the entire service.

3. After the service, Rev. Matt will do the closing blessing from the altar and then leave. He will be unable to speak to you individually, or shake hands after service, as in the past - but hopefully we will have that opportunity soon.
 - a. Please exit one pew at a time, keeping six feet apart. The parish hall entrance or the front entrance of the church may be used. Ensure that you leave no personal items behind.
 - b. Please place bulletins in designated spot upon exit, or take them home.
 - c. Please do not remove your mask until you are well away from other parishioners.

We thank you all for keeping these protocols in place for the safety of everyone.

By working together we can once again enjoy our re-gathering at the church.

If you have any suggestions or concerns please contact one of the Wardens.

At home self-check to be performed the morning before you attend your reserved church service day



COVID-19

Please complete the following questions before leaving your house today.

Do you have any of the following new or worsening symptoms?



Fever/Chills



Cough



Difficulty breathing/
Shortness of breath



Sore throat/
Difficulty swallowing



Runny nose
(unrelated to
seasonal allergies)



Loss of taste
or smell



Not feeling well,
headache, unexplained
tiredness and muscle aches



Nausea, vomiting,
diarrhea,
abdominal pain



Yes

No

In the last 14 days, have you had close physical contact with a person who:

- was sick with a respiratory illness (had a new or worsening cough, fever or difficulty breathing)?
- has returned from travel outside of Canada in the last 14 days?
- was a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19?



Yes

No

In the last 14 days, have you travelled outside of Canada?



If you answered **YES** to any of these questions, **please stay home.**

If you are feeling unwell, contact your health care provider or call **Telehealth Ontario** at **1-866-797-0000** to speak to a registered nurse.