

# OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH

## MESSAGE FOR PARISHIONERS

I hope you are all well.

**MESSAGE FROM CARDINAL COLLINS:** Updates to the WorshipSafe Protocols Taking Effect on Tuesday, March 1, 2022.

I am bringing parts of the message from Cardinal Collins concerning the Updates to the WorshipSafe Protocols in our churches.

“Thankfully, the vaccination rate in our province is high and the number of Covid cases with severe outcomes are declining. As a result, restrictions are gradually being lifted. As communicated earlier this week, beginning on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, capacity limits at our churches, including physical distancing requirements, will be removed.

Indoor mask use is still required for those over the age of two (limited medical exemptions apply)

Holy Communion on the tongue can resume, but those receiving Holy Communion on the tongue should ideally be at the end of the Communion line.

The kiss of peace is still discouraged at this time. A bow or wave should continue to be used as an alternative.

Holy water fonts can be refilled. Prayer books, hymnals, magazines, bulletins and votive candles can return to the church, if they have not already.

Altar servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion can return to pre-pandemic duties.

Choirs and cantors still must be masked or three metres/nine feet from anyone else.

The use of hand sanitizer upon entry to the church and before the distribution of Holy Communion remains a best practice and is encouraged. It is still recommended that health and hygiene signage remains posted in parishes at this time.”

## MINISTERS

I have sent a message inviting ministers who want to resume their duties to contact the parish office. I thank all those who have continued to serve our parish community during the pandemic.

**ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022**

Two Community Masses at 9AM and 7PM

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Every Friday in Lent beginning on Friday, March 4, 2022 at 7PM

Please note that there will be no Mass after the Stations of the Cross.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

This will continue on every Friday from 8.30AM followed by Mass at 9AM.

**CONFESSION**

Continues every Saturday after the morning Mass till 10:30 AM or by appointment.

**SPECIAL THANK YOU**

I would like to thank the parishioners who have been attending Mass during this pandemic and I am grateful to parishioners who have continued to donate to support the parish.

Some of our brothers and sisters are not ready to come and join us for Mass during the pandemic but they have nonetheless continued with their support of the parish. We continue to pray for them.

As a parish that has been developing its forms of stewardship, I am also grateful to our ministers who have continued to share their gift of time to serve the parish and our community.

As we are coming out from the pandemic, let us continue to pray for each other, to support each other and to journey together as God's children.

Please remember that respecting provincial recommendations we do not come to church if we have a fever, cough, difficulty in breathing, sore throat or we are not feeling well.

For further information, please call the parish office at 416-239-1259.

You can contact me directly on Ext. 3

Our next parish bulletin will be published for Sunday, March 6, 2022.

Wishing you all God's blessings.

**Fr. Yaw Acheampong**

**Friday, February 25, 2022**