

April 16, 2021

As per the recent Province of Ontario announcement on the new Covid Stay At Home measures, and after some careful consideration of our situation here at Divine Infant, our parish has decided to put in place the following measures for the duration of the Stay At Home order (effective Monday, April 19, 2021):

1. **Only Sunday Masses will be open to the public, according to our current schedule. Only 8 parishioners may attend each Mass.** Registration for weekend Masses will begin on Mondays at 5:00pm until Fridays at 7:00pm. Only those with a confirmed registration email may attend Mass. **No walkins are permitted.**

Please arrive no earlier than 15 mins prior to each Mass. Arrive on time as the church will be locked during each Mass.

Any help from the Ministries like musicians, sacristans, lectors and ushers **will not** be required at this time. Priests with the help of Deacons will prepare the Church, the liturgy and clean up after each Mass.

2. Those attending Sunday Mass must have a valid confirmation email of online registration and adhere to the safety protocol measures found online according to the public health guidelines.
3. We will continue to live stream our 10:00am Sunday Mass.
4. **Outside of the Sunday Mass, the church will be closed.** As a result, **beginning on Monday, April 19th**, we are suspending public weekday Masses, adoration, private devotions, visits to the church and baptisms. Confessions will be available only with a scheduled appointment.

Funerals are also possible; however the 10 person limit still applies.

5. With respect to scheduled weekday Mass intentions, the priests will offer these in their private daily Masses. These Masses will be said at a time determined by the priest and without public participation.
6. Finally, the parish office will be closed during the lock down period. We will monitor and respond to emails and phone messages in a timely manner.
7. **Please note that these measures will last only as long as the Stay At Home measures remain in place (for now it's six weeks; it started April 3rd).**
8. Please visit our parish website regularly to obtain updates on COVID guidelines and announcements.

Thank you for your attention and support during this difficult time.

In Christ,