



## St. Joseph's Catholic Church

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### A Message from the Pastor

Effective 21 March 2022:

- Mass attendees should continue to screen themselves for any symptoms prior to arriving at the Church.
- Face masks are optional at Mass.
- All pews may now be occupied.
- Ushers will continue to be available to assist parishioners with seating and traffic flow.
- Hand sanitizer will be available for parishioners' use at all entrances.
- Communion in the hand remains highly encouraged at this time.
- At the Sign of Peace, the shaking of hands is still discouraged.
- The use of Extraordinary Eucharistic ministers and additional lectors will gradually increase.
- Congregational singing is permissible.
- The Collection will be taken up after the Prayer of the Faithful.
- Children's liturgy will remain suspended, until it is deemed safe to resume.

After two years of living with pandemic restrictions, it may take some time before all of our parishioners will feel comfortable about returning to Mass in person. For that reason, the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days remains in suspension at this time.

I repeat my gratitude to you, the parishioners, for your patience during this challenging time. I extend a special thank you to our ushers, whose assistance has been vital during this time, and to those volunteers who will continue to stream our 11:00 a.m. Mass.