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Archdiocesan Guidelines for the Reopening of Masses with a Congregation (Excerpts from RCAF Document Posted May 15, 2020)

General Principles Excerpts

1. ***All the faithful in the Archdiocese of Vancouver remain dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass during this initial reopening phase.***
2. ***All those attending Mass do so at their own risk. It is important for individuals and families to take responsibility for protecting themselves and others.***
 - a. The following ***must*** stay home for the sake of the wider community:
 - i. People with COVID-19 or who live with someone with COVID-19.
 - ii. People who have been exposed to someone with COVID-19.
 - iii. The sick, including those with even the slightest symptoms or feelings of sickness, especially if with upper respiratory or flu-like symptoms.
 - iv. Those who have recently travelled outside of Canada.
 - v. Those with seasonal allergies or allergies to chemical products.
 - b. The following are ***encouraged to stay home*** for the sake of the wider community:
 - i. People who live with someone with upper respiratory or flu-like symptoms.
 - ii. People, especially the elderly, with underlying or comprised medical conditions.
 - iii. Family members who live with elderly people or those who are at risk.
 - c. ***Once the maximum of 50 persons in the church is reached, no one else may enter.***

People who simply show up for Mass must be turned away at the entrance.
Parishioners should also be provided with a way to contact the parish, so that they can make the necessary arrangements to be included at a future Mass.

The Guidelines will remain in force until further notice or changes by the Province allow for or require revision. For the complete Archdiocesan Guidelines for the Reopening of Masses with a Congregation, visit <https://rcav.org/coronavirus/>

St. Luke's Guidelines for the Reopening of Masses with a Congregation

(Based on current Regulations by the BC Health Authority and Archdiocesan "Guidelines for Reopening of Masses with a Congregation" and "Liturgical Guidelines for Masses Celebrated During the Reopening of Masses with a Congregation")

General Principles

- *All parishioners considering attending Mass must meet the requirements of paragraphs 2a & 2b above.*
- *Should there be a case of COVID-19 at St. Luke's Parish, the BC Health Authorities and the Archdiocese will be contacted, and the Mass attendance record will be provided to these authorities.*
- *Parishioners who attended a Mass where an infected person was present will be contacted. For this reason, attendance will be taken at the door and records kept on file until COVID-19 is no longer a threat to our society.*

Reopening of Masses with Congregation:

1. Public Masses with a maximum of 50 people
2. Mass Times:
 - a. Saturday 4:30 pm (anticipated Mass)
 - b. Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am
 - c. Sunday 7:00 pm
 - d. Monday thru Friday 8:00 am (beginning September 7)
 - e. Saturday 9:00 am
3. Livestreaming will take place at the Sunday 10:30 am Mass each week.

PREPARING THE CHURCH BUILDING FOR REOPENING

Cleaning and Sanitizing / Disinfecting:

1. A thorough sanitization of the church occurs after every Mass.
2. Holy Water and Baptismal fonts are empty.
3. Volunteers will be needed to help sanitize the church after all Masses. Please contact the parish office if you are willing to assist with this important function.

Closures:

The washrooms, crying room, and choir loft are closed to the public. In an emergency, contact the usher at that Mass.

Physical Distancing:

Except for members or the same household, physical distancing must be observed everywhere on the church property; that is close contact with those outside one's household must not be within two metres of another person.

Use of Masks:

Use of face masks/coverings by parishioners at Mass and around the church is left to individual discretion, following the recommendations of provincial health authorities.

Entrance and Exits:

1. All parishioners attending Mass must enter through the **main door** of the church.
2. The door to the church will be open **30 minutes** before Mass to help maintain physical distancing as people arrive.
3. A volunteer will check your name on the registration list before you enter the church. If your name is not on the list, you will not be able to enter the church.
4. A volunteer will be available to sanitize your hands once you enter the building.
5. **The church door will be locked once Mass begins. Latecomers will not be able to enter the church.**
For your information, all doors in the church open from the inside in accordance with fire regulations.
6. Parishioners are not allowed to leave the church during Mass (*except in an emergency; please speak to the usher who is seated in front of the confessional.*)
7. At the end of Mass all parishioners will be directed to leave by the **north front side door (the door under St. Luke's statue)**
 - a. Parishioners are to leave the church when directed by the volunteer.
 - b. Parishioners have the option of having a volunteer sanitize your hands upon leaving.

Seating:

1. Once parishioners enter the church, they **must** go directly to a marked seat in a pew.
 - a. Only **two** people per pew in the center rows to allow for proper social distancing.
 - b. Please sit centered in front of the green tape marker
 - c. If you are a couple or two members of the same household, please sit in the **center** of the pew (maximum two family members per pew).
2. Families of 3 or more people will sit in a "Family" designated pew or another area if directed by the usher.
 - a. Families of more than 3 people will need to take up two or more marked pews as needed.
 - b. Families must sit **within the green marked area only**.
3. Areas where parishioners are to stand (*e.g. while waiting to receive communion*) have been marked with tape on the floor to indicate the proper two-metre spacing between people.
4. Parishioners are not to mingle or converse with others in the church at any time.
5. Parishioners must sit where indicated by an usher.

Holy Communion of the Faithful:

1. Father Edwin will be the only person distributing communion.
2. Before approaching for communion parishioners are required to remove their masks or face coverings and gloves and leave them in the pew.
3. **Volunteer ushers will direct the flow of parishioners for communion.**
4. **All parishioners must leave the pew during communion otherwise there will be social distancing problems.** If you are hesitant to receive Communion, please do one of the following:
 - a. Come forward for a blessing OR
 - b. Continue to witness the livestreaming of our Masses in your home and receive a Spiritual Communion.
5. **Please stand in the marked area in front of Father Edwin to receive communion or a blessing.**
6. The communicant bows to the priest, who says, "The Body of Christ," to which the response "Amen" is given. *Receiving communion on the hand is still the safest for the communicant and the priest.*
7. After receiving communion, please return to your seat by the center aisle. A suitable time of personal prayer should be observed.

Miscellaneous:

1. No offertory collection will be taken. ***An offertory box will be available at the inner doors of the church for your donation envelopes.***
2. Please respect and follow all posted signs.

Registering for Masses:

Parishioners are required to read, understand, and commit to observing the above guidelines prior to registering for a weekend or weekday Mass.

- a. A parishioner(s) **must** register to attend any Mass at St. Luke's Parish by contacting the parish office at 604 465 5383 or stlukes@telus.net.
- b. Individual names for each person in your household who will attend Mass must be provided.
- c. Only parishioners on the registration list will be permitted to enter the church.
- d. Your confirmed registration **will be valid for one (1) month only**. A rotation of parishioners will take place each month. Priority each month will be given to those who have not attended Mass previously.
- e. ***Parishioners must commit to attending the same Mass each week for the month they are registered. Substitutions are not permitted.***
- f. Arrive early to be seated at least 5 minutes before Mass.

g. If you wish to relinquish your registration to attend Mass, please contact the parish office.

Please remember:

- *If your situation changes and you know you will not be able to attend a Sunday Mass (including Saturday 4:30 pm), please contact the parish office by 4:30 pm the Friday before the weekend. This will allow the office staff to contact parishioners who are on the waitlist.*
- *Anyone who misses 2 Masses in a month will be asked to relinquish their registration. Habitual absences will result in not being able to register for future Masses during COVID-19 restrictions.*
- *Everyone's cooperation is needed to ensure that the church is at maximum capacity (50) each week.*
- *The safety and health of every parishioner is our top priority. For this reason, should a person act in a way which places others at risk, the priest or his representative will speak to this person about how to remedy the situation.*
- *These Guidelines may be changed as needed to ensure the safety of our parishioners.*

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Questions?

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Thank you for your Cooperation, Patience, and Understanding. God Bless You