

## Liturgy Guidance for Stage 3 Alberta Re-launch Strategy

In accordance with Alberta's stage 3 re-opening, the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton updated its parish liturgy guidance which will take effect on July 1. For our parish, you no longer need to wear masks. However, it is your choice if you want to keep using masks. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues.

There is no need to register for attending Sunday mass. There won't be an entry check station. Social distancing will not be reinforced. Pews and public surfaces will not be disinfected after every mass. Nevertheless, Hand sanitizing stations will still be available for use. Hospitality after mass can take place. As the gym is presently filled with overflow items as a result of the parish redevelopment project, it is not in the most ideal condition for recreational functions. Please bear with the situation and allow time for us to do some tidying work.

By principle, all liturgical groups, e.g. lectors, altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, and choir, can return to their previous services. Parishioners can sing during mass. On the other hand, the functioning of liturgical groups depends on the availability of their members. Keeping in mind that many people have withheld coming to church for a fairly long period because of the pandemic, the liturgical groups will take time to evaluate their situation and re-group accordingly.

As advised by the Archdiocese, the next 2 months will be a time for evaluation of the success of stage 3 re-opening. Our Parish has come up with a number of temporary strategies for the interim. In order to cut down the chance of respiratory droplets transmission during singing, the chapel will open up alternate pews for use. For the rite of Holy Communion, only the Body of Christ will be distributed. Ushers will continue to regulate the flow of parishioners coming forward to receive the Holy Communion. This will prevent people getting overcrowded. For those who wish to receive the Holy Communion on the tongue, please remain at the end of the line, since Fr. Qin will need to do extra hand sanitization for this procedure. The kneelers can be used as before. Please continue to offer one another the sign of peace in a non-contact manner. The use of the holy water font is still withheld at this time.

If you have COVID symptoms you should stay home and follow AHS directives. The COVID symptoms posters will remain posted within the Parish. Live streaming Sunday mass will be continued.

The Parish would like to thank all the volunteers responsible for mass registration, point of entry check, ushering, and cleaning for more than a year. They have strived very hard to keep our Sunday mass going during some difficult times. Let us be patient and follow God's lead. We trust that God will gradually bring us back to our normal Parish life.

## 亞省第三期重新開展政策-禮儀指南

就亞省政府將於七月一日起實施的第三期重啟，愛民頓總教區已於日前向所有堂區更新了禮儀指南，由七月一日起生效，惟是教友參與主日彌撒的義務，依然可獲豁免。

教友參與堂區內的禮儀和相關活動，可以不必戴上口罩，教友可自行決定是否仍然使用口罩。

參與主日彌撒，無需事先登記。進入堂區範圍時，無需通過入口檢測，同時，亦不會強制社交距離。堂區將不會在每台彌撒之後，對座椅和公共空間的接觸表面進行消毒；但仍然會放置搓手液，方便教友使用。廚房使用與及茶點供應，可以如常進行。至於禮堂，由於堂區擴建工程的進行，現時存放了若干雜物，所以未能馬上開放進行球類活動，堂區需要時間處理，請大家諒解。

所有禮儀人員，例如讀經、輔祭、送聖禮、聖詠團，原則上可以恢復往常的職務，教友亦可以參與詠唱。至於禮儀工作的重啟，要視乎個別禮儀小組組員人手而定，畢竟，許多教友已經有頗長時間，因為疫情而沒有返回堂區，相信每一個禮儀組別都需要時間，各自重新組織起來。

根據愛民頓總教區的建議，未來兩個月將會是一個評估期，所以堂區亦制定了暫時性的相應措施。聖堂會採用隔行開放的方式，這樣就可以減低因詠唱時飛沫傳播的風險。堂區暫時不會派聖血。領聖體時，仍然會有接待人員協助教友順序排列上祭台前，避免構成擠擁。需要口領聖體的教友，請先讓手領聖體的教友上前，以方便神父在每一位口領聖體的教友之間進行清潔。教友可以使用跪凳。平安禮暫時仍然採用非接觸的方式。聖堂入口暫時仍然不設沾聖水。

請大家每一次返回堂區之前，自行檢視有沒有疫症的徵狀，以決定是否合適參與彌撒，疫症徵狀的告示，仍然會在堂區內張貼，堂區亦會繼續製作網上彌撒直播。

堂區感謝負責彌撒登記、入口檢測、接待和清潔的兄弟姐妹，在過去一年多為堂區勞心勞力，維持主日彌撒在疫情中順利進行。讓我們繼續信靠、忍耐，依賴天主的帶領，逐步回復到正常的堂區生活。