

Dear friends,

Our Church will reopen on September 13, but with some condition. The experience will be somewhat different than what it used to be.

The reopening will be done in at least 3 phases, called Phases 2, 3 and 4. We are presently in Phase 1, meaning that the churches are closed to all. Note that in Phase 2, which should last until at least the end of September, there will not be a possibility to meet for fellowship and coffee, nor will there be a Eucharist.

For those who do not plan to attend church in person, we will continue to offer online Sunday services at 10am until September 27th and at 4pm starting October 4th. For the moment, we will continue to hold Evening and Night Prayer services at 5pm Monday to Saturday.

For those who plan to attend in person, we have listed below the main conditions that will apply.

Phase 2

1. Sunday services will start at the same time as they used to, but please come in early.
2. Wear your face mask as you arrive.
3. Enter through the doors of the hall only.
4. Use the hand sanitizer as you come in.
5. Respect distancing (2 meters) as you wait in line. Make sure to respect the red tape markers on the floor.
6. A greeter will greet you inside the entrance to the hall. Please take the time to answer the greeter's questions and listen to special instructions. The greeter needs to record the name of all those who attend services. Please keep chatting to a minimum especially if other parishioners are waiting in line behind you.
7. Walk to the entrance of the church.
8. A second greeter will greet you and take you to your sitting place and give you a bulletin to follow the service (all books and hymnals have been removed).
9. Unless you are members of a same household ("family bubble"), please keep the physical distancing of 2 meters from others at all time. You are not allowed to congregate with others before and after the service, while being in the building. You may greet others outside the buildings if you keep the 2-meter distancing.
10. Though all family bubbles will be seated 2 meters apart, it is requested that you keep your mask on during the whole service because the church is considered a closed public place.
11. The toilet is available only for urgent use, and only one toilet will be opened.
12. There will be no singing.
14. A plate will be placed at the entrance of the church and a second one at the exit for donations. We appreciate your financial support as it helps us pay the essential bills. We thank all those who give using PAR or Canada Helps.
15. There will be no offertory procession.
16. There will be no touching during the exchange of the peace, except if you are members of a same family bubble. Acknowledging nods or sign of peace are most welcome.

17. At the end of the service, the presider will be the first to leave the church using the back door. You will be invited by the greeters to exit, one family bubble at a time. You will be invited to exit using the back or front doors of the church or using the doors of the hall if you need to use the elevator.

18. Before exiting the building, you are asked to discard tissues and bulletins you are not planning to bring them back home, and to use hand sanitizer.

Note: The bulletins are not the kind used a couple of years ago but bulletins with the service responses so you may properly follow the service (since there is no worship books). You may keep these bulletins and bring them back when you come back to church on other Sundays; they are meant to be reusable to save trees and printing costs. When you get home, you put them aside for 24 hours. If they have been contaminated, the virus does not survive over 24 hours on paper (this is what is done in medical clinics and centers).

Phase 3

During Phase 3, all that is mentioned in Phase 2 will continue to apply.

18. For communion, the greeters will invite you, one family bubble at a time to receive communion.

19. As you get to the front of the aisle, you will remove your mask, use hand sanitizer, walk to the railing, extend your hands and arms as far as you can in front of you. You will hold your hands flat (not in the shape of a cupola). The priest will drop a host in your hands. You will eat the host, put back your mask and return to your seat.

20. If the priest accidentally touches your hands, you will need to use the hand sanitizer again before returning to your seat. The priest will also need to perform hand sanitization before continuing to distribute the hosts.

21. For the fellowship time after the service, you will be invited to exit when you are invited to do so by the greeters.

22. You will walk to the coffee table. You will be invited to use the hand sanitizer. The volunteer host will give you your tea or coffee. You will then be invited to walk to the goodies and take one (or more) cupcake liner filled with a snack. You will then proceed to one of the seats. You will be asked not to move the chairs and keep 2 meters away from each other.