

Diocese of Kamloops BISHOP'S OFFICE

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Dear Clergy, religious and faithful of the Diocese of Kamloops,

We recently received new regulations from the Provincial Health Authorities regarding a new <u>variance</u> which allows for indoor worship services for up to 50 people.

Please be mindful with all safety protocols, which are to be observed by everyone. Parishes must pre-register all participants for contact tracing purposes, have hand sanitization supplies readily available, and the place of worship must be cleaned and sanitized after each service.

All participants are to wear a face covering (a medical or non-medical mask or tightly woven fabric that covers the nose and mouth of a person). Liturgical ministers: readers, cantor (no choir) may remove their face covering when they are speaking, reading or singing as long as there is a 3-metre distance or a physical barrier between them and the rest of the congregation.

Thank you to our clergy, parish staff, volunteers and parishioners for your continuing efforts to follow the provincial guidelines that are in place to help prevent the spread of Covid-19. With your continued efforts, we pray that we will soon be able to celebrate Mass together in person as a community.

Please check with your local Parish for updated Mass times and availability.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

¥Joseph Phuong Nguyen

Bishop of Kamloops