

ST. JOSEPH'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Update - June 4, 2020

Re-opening of St. Joseph's for Public Worship

Sunday June 14, 2020 - 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Dear Parishioners,

The day that we have been waiting for will arrive soon.

Sunday June 14 is just the beginning of a **slow opening** of our parish.

It is important to understand that for the sake of the health and concern for one another, that as our parish of St. Joseph's opens there will be limits and requirements based on the Archeparchial guidelines. One of the requirements is that those attending Divine Liturgy must register only through the parish office.

The information on the registration list will be helpful, if there is a need to contact those who attended St. Joseph's if a health concern arises. This is just one part of the new normal. Please read this entire update before contacting the parish office. **Registration begins on Monday June 8.**

With the permission of Metropolitan Lawrence, and in accordance with Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Winnipeg Directives, on Sunday June, 14, 2020, Divine Liturgy at St. Joseph's Church will be open to a **maximum of 25 people** (this number includes clergy, cantor and ushers) at 10:00 am. Live streamed Divine Liturgy will continue to be available on the YouTube channel. Additional in-person services will be added in the future. It is important for individuals and families to take responsibility for protecting themselves and others and to recognize that they are attending Church services at their own risk.

Who May Attend?

- Those who are in good health and at low risk for Covid-19 complications.
- Those who are on the confirmed list for that week's Divine Liturgy.
- Those who have passed the health questionnaire, listed below under "Who Should Stay Home".

Who Should Stay Home?

- Those who have travelled outside of Manitoba in the last 14 days.
- Anyone feeling sick (cough, shortness of breath, runny nose, fever, infections, cold or flu symptoms, or experiencing extreme fatigue).
- Anyone in close contact with someone infected with Covid-19.
- Anyone in close contact with someone under quarantine.
- Elderly persons and those persons with underlying or compromised medical conditions (respiratory disease, heart disease, cancer, immune system, or diabetes).

How do I sign-up?

- Contact the Parish Office (204-339-4512) or send an e-mail to office@stjosephukrwinnipeg.ca to have your name and number of family members placed on the list for that week's Divine Liturgy.

- If you need to use the elevator, please note this in your request.
- Wait for a confirmation phone call or e-mail message where you will also be asked to respond to a health questionnaire.
- Note that parishioners cannot sign-up for more than one liturgical service until everyone who wishes to attend in person services has had an opportunity to do so.

What if the list is full?

- Sign-up for the following Sunday.
- Request to attend a different Liturgy at a time when additional Services are added.

What are the Guidelines for Attending?

- You need to be on the confirmed list. **No walk-ins.**
- Only one entrance door will be open – Enter through the main door on the North side of the Church (facing Jefferson). The Elevator entrance will only be available to those who need to use the elevator. Please ask an usher for assistance.
- Members of the same household may use the elevator together. Otherwise, occupancy is limited to 1 person in the elevator at a time.
- **Arrive on time.** The entrance will be closed 15 minutes into the service.
- An usher, outside the church, will confirm that your name is on the list; then another usher, inside the church, will sanitize your hands at the entrance and escort you to your seat.
- The wearing of face masks is highly recommended but not mandatory.
- Remember to bring your own Divine Liturgy book to church. All Liturgy books, hymnals, and Tropar booklets have been temporarily removed.
- Maintain physical distancing (6 feet). The Church has been measured and marked for social distancing.
- Members of the same household may sit together.
- For the present time, candles are not to be lit.; do not touch or kiss icons at this time.

Please also note.

- No congregational singing at this time; the designated cantor will sing the responses.
- Infants and children must remain with parents at all times.
- Donations may be placed in a basket which will be centrally located.
- Washrooms are available in the basement hall; please sanitize or wash your hands with soap and water in the washrooms.
- Exit one pew at a time from the back of the church, following the directional arrows on the floor.
- No social gathering before or after church services.
- Holy Communion will be disturbed by way of a onetime use, wooden spoon.

It should go without saying that over the next little while there will certainly be adjustments. It is important to keep in mind, that whatever changes and readjustments we are called to follow, it is out of concern for each other, especially our health and safety, as we begin to once again worship within the walls of our parish of St. Joseph's.

*Peace & Prayers,
Fr. Dmytro*