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NEW COVID-19 HEALTH PRECAUTIONS IN PLACE FROM JANUARY 5TH TO 26TH

Yesterday, Premier Doug Ford held a press conference and responded to what he called "a tsunami" of COVID-19 infections that threatens to overwhelm the healthcare system in Ontario. The Premier was joined at the press conference by his ministers of health, education, and finance, as well as Ontario's chief medical officer of health and the CEO of Ontario Health.

In response to the increasing number of cases of the Omicron variant, the province of Ontario is implementing new health precautions and restrictions. The measures will be in effect from Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at 12:01 a.m. for at least 21 days until January 26, 2022. The trends in public health and health system indicators will be considerations for the government's decision to extend or lift the new measures.

The measures that will directly impact places of worship include:

- Reducing social gathering limits to five people indoors and 10 people outdoors.
- Limiting capacity at organized public events to five people indoors.
- Requiring businesses and organizations (i.e. places of worship) to ensure employees work remotely unless the nature of their work requires them to be on-site.
- Limiting capacity at indoor weddings, funerals, and religious services, rites, and ceremonies to 50 percent capacity of the particular room. Outdoor services are limited to the number of people that can maintain 2 meters of physical distance. Social gatherings associated with these services must adhere to the social gathering limits.
- Closing indoor meeting and event spaces with limited exceptions but permitting outdoor spaces to remain open with restrictions.

In the Diocese of Peterborough, Most Reverend Bishop Miehm has provided these guidelines for the implementation of the health precautions:

- Households attending the church must maintain a physical distance of 6 feet or 2 meters between each other. Attendance at the church is limited to fifty percent of the church's posted capacity.
- The clergy and the faithful must wear a face mask in the church.
- Congregational singing is strongly discouraged at this time.
- The processional and recessional will take place respectively from the sacristy to the sanctuary and from the sanctuary to the sacristy to avoid gatherings at the church doors.
- Parish Halls are closed for the time being. The exception to this closure is AA meetings, food banks, and other designated entities.

The Diocesan and parish staff are working remotely as much as possible. It is hoped that these new measures will curtail or significantly mitigate the current surge of the Omicron variant and the COVID-19 virus.

Let us keep one another in our prayers.

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Fr. Asisclo Podelino, Pastor

Baptism of the Lord

January 9nd, 2021



**“WHEN JESUS HAD
BEEN BAPTIZED AND
WAS PRAYING, THE
HEAVEN WAS OPENED
AND THE HOLY
SPIRIT DESCENDED
UPON HIM.”**

Education:

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults: 905 349-2504

St Mary Elementary School, Grafton:

Nicole McGill, Principal 905 349-2061

St Mary Secondary School, Cobourg:

Jason Roberts, Principal 905 372-4339

Catholic School Board www.pvnccdsb.on.ca

Parish Committees & Organisations:

Finance Committee:

Melissa Lilje, Secretary 905 349-2504

Knights of Columbus:

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Parish Pastoral Council

Dennis Goulin Chairperson 905-372-7684

Music at Mass:

Gay Stratford, Organist
10 am Mass on Sun 905 349-2861

Altar Servers

Parish Office 905-349-2504

St Mary's Catholic Women's League:

Pat Murphy, President 905 349-2847

Alta Vance, Religious Articles 905 344-7443

CWL Diocesan website:

www.peterboroughcwl.ca

St Mary's Cemetery Board:

Melissa Lilje, Secretary 905 349-2504

St Vincent de Paul Society

905 377-3263

Eucharistic Ministers

Judith Goulin 905-372-7684

Ushers

Parish Office 905-349-2504

Lectors

Richard Holland 905-349-3710

Development and Peace

Suzanne Liptay 905-372-3031

Parish Library

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SACRAMENTAL MINISTRY

Baptisms, Marriages, & Anointing of the Sick may be arranged by calling the Office.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday at 8:30 am & 4:30 pm, or anytime on request.

First Friday of the month - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 9am

THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9TH AT THE ALTAR

Jan 10, Mon., Feria - 9 am -

Jan 11, Tues., Feria - 9 am -

Jan 12, Wed., *St Marguerite Bourgeoys* - 9 am - **CWL Members** [St Mary's CWL]

Jan 13, Thurs., Feria - 9 am -

Jan 14, Fri., Feria - 9 am -

Jan 15, Sat., Feria - 9 am -

Jan 15, Sat., **2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5 pm - **Harold Murphy** [Pat Murphy & Family]

Jan 16, Sun., **2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9 am - **For the People of the Parish**

11 am - **The Zgeda Family (living & deceased)** [Mitch & Maria Marszal]

NEXT WEEKEND LAY MINISTERS Jan 15/16	5 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
Lectors	Jackie Innis	Michael Stephenson	Richard Holland
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Rutherford	Bernadette Murray	Judith/Dennis Goulin
Ushers/Greeters	The Manley's	Ed Nemecek / Oladele Adebayo	Joe O'Kane / Theo Mensen

Intercessions:

- Let us pray this Sunday for the Clergy and people of the Diocese of Peterborough.
- Let us pray for the sick in our Parish.

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PARISH FINANCES

	Last Weekend	Same Time Last Year
Sunday Collection	\$1,531.00	\$400.00
Building Maintenance	\$280.00	\$0.00
Initial Offering	\$165.00	\$0.00
New Year's Day	\$645.00	\$0.00

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN JANUARY

Roy & Min Naylor (15 yrs. on January 6), Allan & Daisy Caterio (18 yrs. on January 11). God's continued blessings on all of you!

DIOCESAN PASTORAL SURVEY

More people are joining the worldwide, Diocese-wide conversation via the survey link that is open until Friday, January 14, 2022. The input is really interesting and energizing!

See what they are saying and join the conversation!

SURVEY LINK:

<https://my.thoughtexchange.com/scroll/289831760/welcome>

LIVE-STREAMING THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 8, 2022, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Please join in prayer if you are not able to attend in person.

<https://youtu.be/MRbXae8EuH4>