

MEMORANDUM



ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE
of Calgary

DATE May 31, 2021
TO Priests, Deacons, Parish Office Staff, and Safety Coordinators
FROM Fr. Wilbert Chin Jon
SUBJECT Liturgical Guidelines for Stage 1 of Alberta's Open for Summer Plan

Beginning June 1, 2021

- All protocols dealing with the use of masks, contact tracing, sanitizing, proper physical distancing with individuals from different household, etc. remain in place.

Mass

- The capacity limit for in-person attendance is 15% of the fire code occupancy.
- Concelebration may resume with the required masking and proper physical distancing.
 - With one concelebrant: a separate chalice is used for the concelebrant.
 - With several concelebrants: self-intinction with a common chalice which the celebrant later purifies at the conclusion of the Communion Rite.
 - Self-intinction is reserved for priests only.
- Deacons may assist at the Mass with the required masking and proper physical distancing.
- No altar servers in Stage 1.
- A cantor/soloist and an instrumentalist are allowed.
 - Performers must wear masks at all times.
 - Congregational singing is not permitted.
 - The music chosen must not prolong the Mass unduly.
 - Singing by the soloist will be limited to the following
 - Entrance antiphon or unfamiliar hymn
 - Preparation of the altar/gifts
 - Communion
 - Instrumental music may be played to replace the recessional hymn.
- Communion on the tongue is still temporarily not allowed in Stage 1.

Weddings

- Wedding ceremonies may have up to 10 people, including the officiant, bride/groom, witnesses and any photographers/videographers.
 - **NOTE:** The government has now included photographers and videographers to the 10 people.
 - The Diocese does not consider the sacristan, soloist, and the instrumentalist as one of the 10 people allowed.
- Receptions remain prohibited.

Funeral Masses

- Funeral Mass may have up to 20 people, not including facility staff, funeral clergy or organizers not considered guests.
- Receptions remain prohibited.

Baptisms

- The Diocese continues to limit the attendees to 10 people for Baptisms.
- The celebrant and the sacristan are not included in the 10 attendees.
- The use of masks and proper physical distancing are required during the celebration of the rite.

Adoration

- The capacity limit for the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the nave of the church is 15% of the fire code occupancy.

Corpus Christi Processions

- No outdoor processions of the Blessed Sacrament due to the current restrictions on gatherings.
- For large churches, an indoor procession may be considered provided that only the priest/deacon carrying the monstrance with the Blessed Sacrament and two properly-distanced candle bearers walk in procession in the nave of the church. The congregation should remain in the pews and should be properly-distanced from those in the Eucharistic procession.

Faith-based Meetings

- In-person faith group meetings and other religious gatherings are
 - not permitted in private homes while these measures are in effect
 - permitted when conducted at a place of worship as long as physical distancing and public health measures are followed.

Social Gatherings

- Outdoor social gatherings, with proper distancing, allowed up to 10 people.
- Indoor social gatherings are not permitted.