



The Saint John-Paul II Pastoral Unit
Stella Maris, St. Anne's & St. Augustine's Parishes, Prince Edward Island
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠ July 12, 2020

This Weekend's Liturgy

1st Reading Isaiah 55.10-11
2nd Reading Romans 8.18-23
Gospel Matthew 13.1-23

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday No Mass
Tuesday 7pm St. Augustine's
Wednesday 9am Stella Maris
Thursday 9am St. Augustine's
Friday 9am St. Anne's
Saturday 4pm Stella Maris for Clarence Buote
Sunday 9am St. Anne's for Victor Doiron
Sunday 10am Stella Maris
Sunday 10:30am St. Augustine's for Eileen Mary DeRoche

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Communion at Home: If you know of anyone who should be receiving communion at home because of inability to attend church, please contact one of the pastoral associates.

Hospital or Home Visits: If you have a family member or friend in the hospital, at home or other care facility who would like to see a priest please call Fr. Raj

Mass Requests: Contact Fr. Raj for all Mass requests

Baptisms: Contact Fr. Raj for Baptismal Preparation.

Bulletin Announcements: Email bulletin notices to bulletins@jp2pastoralunit.com or call Francis @ 902-886-2761. Deadline for weekly bulletin is Thurs. at 4pm.

Confessions: Fr. Raj is available in the vestries after weekday masses for the sacrament of Reconciliation. All are encouraged to experience the Mercy and Love of the Ever Forgiving Father

Last Week's Collections & Donations

St. Augustine's: \$1410.00
St. Anne's: \$3416.00
Special Collection: \$600.00
Candles: \$193.00
Cemetery Fund (IMO Wilbert Gallant): \$405.00
Stella Maris: \$1225.00

*Thank You for Your Donations to Our Parishes!
 Please consider including your Parish in your will.*

OUR PRAYER LIST

Annabelle 6 weeks (heart), Brian, Evan, Grace, John, Laura, Theresa, Alfred Barriaylt, Roy Doiron, Beatrice Doucette, Donnie Doucette (Roxy), Tyrel Doucette, Albert Gallant, Edmond Gallant, Stella Gallant, Vic Greenwood, Paul LeBlanc, Naomi (age 13), Monique MacLeod, Baby Cole Peters, Kelly Power, Dane Simpson, Susie Smith

To have a name added or removed from the prayer line please contact

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It is simply impossible to lead, without the aid of prayer, a virtuous life.

St. John Chrysostom

St. Augustine's has approval for multiple gatherings.

St. Augustine's has applied for and has received approval from P.E.I. Health and Wellness to have multiple gatherings. This means that people can sit in the gallery if they wish to. This also means that we can have 50 people in the main body of the church and we can have up to 50 people in the gallery. We very rarely have that many people in the gallery but it is nice to have that choice. HOWEVER, with more choices come more regulations which need to be followed.

1. If you want to sit in the main body of the church you will need to enter the church using the chapel door. You will need to sanitize your hands and give your name and phone number. If you have mobility challenges you will use the side door of the main entrance and an usher will be there to assist you if needed. You will give your name and number to the usher who will then give it to the recording person in the chapel.
2. If you want to sit in the gallery you will enter the church using the main entrance, sanitize and leave your name and number with the recording person and proceed up to the gallery following the arrows. One set of stairs will be for going up where the other will be for going down. We have to continuously keep in mind that we need to social distance from others. If you want to sit in the front row of seats in the gallery we would need you to wear a disposable mask which will be available at the church.
3. Fr. Raj will be the only person distributing communion. He will distribute communion to the people in the main body of the church first, return to the altar to wash his hands and sanitize then proceed to the porch where the people who are in the gallery will come down 6 ft. apart and receive communion.
4. If the washroom is needed one washroom has been labelled for the people who are downstairs while the other is for the people who are in the gallery.

These are many details which, after a while, will become our "new normal" for church. This way we can come together as a whole parish once again.

Unit Notices

Bulletin Notices: Now that things are starting to open up please let me know of any notices that you would like passed along to our parishioners. Also if you see a notice that is still being published but is outdated, let me know so to remove it. bulletins@jp2pastoralunit.com

Diocese Notices

www.dioceseofcharlottetown.com

Summer Hours: Beginning Monday, June 29, the diocesan offices will be open Monday to Friday from 9 am until 1 pm. This will be effective until the end of August, at which time updated hours will be announced.

Community Notices

During this difficult time, please take note that North Rustico Home Hardware will be closed on Saturdays. Also, store hours will be Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm . Thank-you for your support and understanding.

Cymbria Lions Club: Due to the ongoing COVID-19 concerns, the Cymbria Lions Club facility will remain closed until further notice. You are welcome to use our parking lot to access the free WiFi provided by Red Sands Internet. Simply connect your device to "Red Sands Internet Guest WiFi". Please remember to practice social distancing. Everyone please stay safe, we will get through this together!

Rendez-vous Rustico 2020: Considering the actual situation, the board of directors has decided to cancel the Rendez-vous Rustico 2020. However please stay in tune because we want to organize some activities this summer.

Letter from John Paul II Unit Pastoral Council

Blessings Fellow Parishioners,

We are now preparing the next phase of opening things up, as permission has been granted to resume Sunday/Weekend masses. Restrictions, guidelines and proper protocol are still in place that must be followed and adhered to. We continue asking for your support and patience as we begin to implement our operational plan for our Sunday/Weekend Worship Masses. PLEASE NOTE this plan may change frequently in order to accommodate our parishioners, while adhering to the guidelines as implemented by our Diocese and Health PEI. We have agreed to resume to our previously regular scheduled masses. Stella Maris @ 4pm on Saturday, St. Augustine's Sunday @ 10:30am, St. Anne's Sunday @ 9:00am and an additional Sunday Morning Mass @ 10am in Stella Maris.

We are restricted to the maximum amount of 50 people. With the limited restricted amount, and if numbers warrant, a schedule may have be set up to accommodate all or consider having another mass. Until we have an idea of how many would like to have the opportunity to attend, please be kind & patient with us and fellow parishioners as we work together ensuring all have an opportunity at some point to come together with others to Worship God.

It is very important to protect yourself and other Parishioners; therefore if you are not feeling well, please stay home. If you are at an increased risk due to a compromised immune system and/or have underlying medical conditions, we strongly encourage you to please stay home. Those who are self isolating are asked to refrain until you have completed your 14 day isolation period.

When you arrive PHYSICAL DISTANCING MUST BE MAINTAINED. Keep the required 6 feet distancing between you and your fellow parishioner. Unfortunately no handshaking or hugging permitted. You will be greeted by a fellow parishioner who will be recording your name and number. This is a must as names and numbers and how many attending from your family have to be kept on file for a certain period of time as stated in our Worshipsafe Directive implemented by the Diocese of Charlottetown. Hand sanitizer will be available at all the entrances and must be used. All books have been removed. Currently for music ministry, we are only permitted to have one cantor with instrumental accompaniment. Baskets will be placed at each entrance for our Sunday Offerings. Please be aware in order to adhere to the guidelines as stipulate in the directive, modifications and adjustment had to be made; therefore, some things may be omitted or adapted to reflect those required changes. Pews and the floors have been marked off to ensure we maintain physical distancing. Please respect these markings. When you depart, please maintain social distancing. It is imperative we follow these guidelines to ensure the continuation of masses.

For your reference, please see below the Worshipsafe Directive as released by the Diocese.

As previously mentioned for the beginning of weekday masses, this is the new norm for all of us; therefore, please understand we are all working together to ensure all of our parishioners needs are met to the best of our ability within the restrictions provided. As stated above this plan may change on short notice so we thank you in advance for your patience's and support

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact myself at 902-621-0638 or Fr. Raj at 902-393-0572.

Respectively submitted by,

Jacinta Doiron

President of John Paul II Unit Pastoral Council

Worshipsafe

Directives for Church Services

Emergency Measures

Pandemic and Epidemic

Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlottetown

DATED: June 22, 2020

The Directives of Worshipsafe focus on the safe opening of our Churches and the participation of the faithful in the celebration of the Eucharist and other Sacraments and Rites of the Catholic Church.

The practice of these directives provides no guarantee that viruses such as Covid 19 will not be contracted. But they are the best and most practical measures to ensure the safety of our people.

Worshipsafe contains directives not guidelines. They shall be implemented in every Catholic Parish Church and chapel. Parishes/Units shall implement these directives or remain closed to public worship.

The obligation of Sunday observance is suspended in this Diocese of Charlottetown until further notice.

Priests with compromised immune system or suffering symptoms of cold and flu shall not offer Mass for the public. The parish church where he serves shall remain closed unless that Pastor can find a substitute priest.

Physical distancing - Sanitizing - Registering

Public seating shall be restricted to every third pew. The two pews in front of and behind an occupied pew shall be cordoned to prevent access.. This ensures a 6'foot distance both behind and in front of parishioners. Families from the same household may sit together in a single pew.

Churches without pews using chairs or churches in which pews are aligned in an arc shall devise a seating plan for the congregation to ensure social distancing,

No choir may gather in Church due to physical distancing. One cantor with instrumental accompaniment may lead congregational singing and maintain a distance of 12'.

In Phase 3 of Renew PEI we read "Microphones should not be shared" . This is taken to mean duets, and trios etc. speaking or singing simultaneously.

All songbooks, hymnals and missals shall be removed from the pews and entrance of the Church.

After every ceremony, places of contact such as pews, door knobs, handles and washroom facilities shall be sanitized. Note: the cordoned off pews need not be sanitized.

Hand washing and sanitizing areas shall be available in churches and church washrooms.

Signage shall be posted at the entrance to each Church indicating the requirements of physical distancing, hand hygiene, cleaning and disinfection practices in the Church and respiratory etiquette regarding coughing and sneezing.

Signage shall indicate that individuals with symptoms of Covid 19, such as fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, runny nose should not attend Mass. Priests with such symptoms shall cancel Mass or find a substitute priest.

It is highly recommended to prop the entrance door open so that people do not have to touch the doorknob or surface.

It is highly recommended that measures be taken to shorten the length of the Mass because the time spent in proximity to other persons increases the risk of transmission; for example, announcements can be kept brief or eliminated; cantors may delete verses of a song; select the shorter versions of the readings if the option is presented; preach a brief homily; limit the number of general intercessions and keep each brief.

Every parish/unit and chapel shall devise a method, to record the name and phone number of one person per household in attendance at Mass. This record must include the number of people attending from the household. This data shall be dated for each Mass and kept with parish records for one month.. At any time, the Public Health Office may request access to this information.

Ceremonial Adaptations

Altar servers shall remain 6' apart in the sacristy and during Mass.

All personnel in the sacristy shall wash/sanitize their hands before Mass.

It is highly recommended that entrance and recessional processions enter from and return to the sacristy directly. This avoids the occasion of gathering at the church entrance.

Entrance and recessional processions from the Church entrance to the Sanctuary shall be planned so that servers, ministers and presider maintain 6' distancing. Processions shall be single file respecting the 6'distance. No gathering of ministers or of parishioners is permitted at the Church entrance at any time.

For the presidential prayers, place the Roman Missal on the altar or on a stand at the chair.

Servers shall not hold the book for the Presiders. Servers shall not present the wine and water or perform the Lavabo. The cruets are to be placed in proximity to the altar for access by the Presider. Lavabo is done by the priest alone.

There shall be no water in the holy water font.

Children's liturgy of the word shall be cancelled.

Crying rooms shall be closed or locked.

The Offertory Procession shall be omitted.

One or two secured containers shall be placed in the vestibule of the Church. These secured containers shall be clearly signed inviting parishioners to deposit their Sunday offering, There shall be no collection taken during the offertory.

After extending the Sign of Peace the Presider may invite parishioners to exchange a nod of the head or head bow.

A second corporal shall be placed on the far right corner of the altar. On it shall be placed a ciborium (and if necessary a second for celiacs) filled with the bread for communicants. The bread in the ciborium shall be covered with a lid or a pall. Before the words of Consecration the lids or palls shall be removed and then returned after the words of consecration. This exercise avoids having the Presider breathing or possibly coughing over the bread for communicants. .

The Priest's corporal and paten with host are as usual.

Distribution of Holy Communion:

i) A single file of communicants to the sanctuary shall respect the 6' distance requirement and where possible their return to their pew should proceed by a different aisle. It is highly recommended to mark the floor with tape at 6' intervals facilitating social distance for the file of communicants to and from the sanctuary. It is highly recommended, where possible, to have communicants return by a separate aisle. It is highly recommended to invite the faithful to proceed for communion by sections if this allows the file of communicants to return by a separate aisle.

ii) The priest shall wash/ disinfect his hands before and after distribution of communion. This can be done at the credence table or other suitable space visible to the congregation. This is in addition to washing his hands thoroughly before the Mass.

iii) Due to the higher risk of transmission there shall be no distribution on the tongue. This is a temporary measure to reduce the risk of transmission.

iv) Before distribution, communicants shall be asked to remove their gloves and mask.

v) Before distribution communicants shall be asked to stop six feet in front of the priest so that he may say "Body of Christ". The communicant responds "Amen" and bows, then steps forward to receive communion on the hand. It is highly recommended that some demarcation be used to mark the floor indicating where to stop before receiving communion.

vi) Holy Communion shall be placed at arm's length (X2) onto the hand of the communicant.

vii) Those who present themselves or their child for a blessing may be blessed by the priest when they stop to bow at a distance of 6'.

It is highly recommended to remind the congregation to maintain 6' spacing as they leave the Church and to avoid gathering at the back of the Church

It is highly recommended to avoid greeting parishioners before or after Sunday Mass as this tends to gather people which would compromise physical distancing.

The Presider and other ministers shall NOT wear masks or gloves during the celebration of Mass and must remain at least six feet distant from one another and the members of the congregation.

The Word This Week

A sower went out to sow

The Gospel today is the beginning of a new section in Matthew, called The Parabolic Discourse - a section of parables Jesus tells the crowd, which we will read over the next three weeks. A parable is a story with a hidden meaning: we can easily remember the story, and gradually the true meaning becomes clearer and clearer. Today is a famous example: the Parable of the Sower. In itself it is a story that would easily be understood by Jesus' audience - people who lived in an agricultural economy. Jesus uses their understanding to make an important teaching about the message he has brought: it is like a seed that is thrown out and received in different ways - the ideal is when the seed finds good soil, and produces a crop that can be seen and harvested: so the ideal listener to the word is one who allows it to lodge in the heart, but also produces a visible result. What is the harvest we should yield, when we have heard the word?



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Keeping in Contact...

We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here, celebrating with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the unit. We thank God that you are with us. If we may assist you, please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket.

- New parishioner.
- I am home bound and would like someone to visit me.
- I am going to be in hospital, please call on me.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone: Home: _____ Cell: _____