



Monday Memo

Diocese of Thunder Bay

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April 19, 2021

My Dear Friends:

Unfortunately, due to the increase in Covid-19 cases in the province of Ontario, the provincial government has limited occupancy to our churches to 10 persons, including any ministers, readers, servers etc. In order to better respond to the “stay at home” order for all of Ontario, I am closing all our Catholic Churches at this time. There will be no public services in our churches during this lockdown and with these restrictions. Please follow the Mass at home through TV or social media. Please check for Mass from your parish on live-stream or at the Diocesan website www.dotb.cc. Priests will still celebrate their private Mass and pray for their parishioners. All funerals must be in Funeral Homes at present and all parish offices, including the Pastoral Centre, are to be closed to the public. Offices will however, respond to telephone inquiries or e-mails. Anyone in a parish office must follow all safety protocols.

This is a difficult step for everyone, but the situation looks very serious in many parts of our province. If we all keep together in doing what is safe, and if we all are vaccinated as soon as possible, we hope and pray to see an end to this pandemic. God bless you and your families and please be safe.

Sincerely,

Bishop Fred Colli

Bishop of Thunder Bay

“AN EXTRAORDINARY TIME OF PRAYER AND SHARING”: The Bishop’s Annual Diocesan Ministry Campaign has traditionally started on **Divine Mercy Sunday** these past years. This year the Diocesan Centre will contact donors by mail so in the next few weeks you will receive information on this year’s campaign in your mailbox. Our theme is most appropriate as we share with Pope Francis in asking the Lord for courage and patience during this worldly pandemic that has changed our lives. I ask again for your consideration and generosity for this year’s campaign. Our needs grow more and more each year, and your response in past years has been most appreciated and has enabled me, as the bishop, to serve the needs of our parishes and communities in our diocese. Please be generous again this year and I ask God’s blessing upon you and your families.

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COLUMBUS CENTRE: **PICKEREL FISH TAKE OUT - Friday April 30, 2021 \$20.00** Pick up pre-orders 4-6 pm, Prepackaged Four Pieces of delicious breaded, Pickerel, Home Fries, Coleslaw ***PREORDERS ONLY {Deadline Thursday April 29th}** With Credit Card payment Call 623-3252 (leave message we will call you back) **PHYSICAL DISTANCE WILL BE PRACTICED, ENTRY** ---Use Centre Door - **EXIT** Main Door. *Thanks for your support!* **Save the Dates** - Spaghetti & Meatballs Take out: Thursdays APRIL 8 & 22 ~ May 6 & 20 -- 2-5:30 p.m.