

Clergy News

August 11, 2021

To all parishes - clergy and parishioners:

This is a reminder, that as yet we have not entered into Step 4 of the Province of Ontario's reopening plan but remain with the protocols from Step 3.

These protocols continue to require the **wearing of masks** while at Mass and also practicing **social distancing** both in Church and outside of the Church. People of the same family, however, can sit together as a group.

Our pews are still to be used - **every second pew** - for proper distancing at celebrations and with the capacity limits of each church.

No one can change these protocols, and only the Bishop's Office can give a new direction for parishes at this time.

Please review the last **Clergy News of July 26, 2021** (attached) with the few changes allowed for Step 3 at this time.

If anyone has any questions, they are to please contact me at the Pastoral Centre for any clarification.

Thank You.

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