

## **New COVID Guidelines – Effective June 5, 2021**

### **Saint Victoria Catholic Church**

Alleluia! Many COVID Restrictions have been lifted! St. Victoria will roll out the changes *gradually*. Please note the following important changes to our procedures which will be effective June 5<sup>th</sup>. St. Victoria Catholic Church and The Diocese of Richmond will continue to adhere to the directions of the CDC.

- 1) **MASKS:** Unvaccinated Persons: Anyone 5 years and older who is unvaccinated must wear a mask. This is for your safety and the safety of our children who yet cannot be vaccinated.  
Vaccinated Persons: Fully vaccinated persons need not wear masks at Mass.

- 2) **SOCIAL DISTANCING:** The Social Distancing Mandate has been lifted. Ushers will no longer seat parishioners. HOWEVER, we ask that you leave some space (1-2 ft) from others not in your family or group. This is a part of the gradual rollout of the new procedures.

For those who may be uncomfortable, or those who are unvaccinated and wish to self-distance, the Parish Hall seats will remain at the previous 6' Social Distancing seating at this time. "X" marks the spot. 😊

Also, you may attend the Monday Morning Mass at 10:00am. There is plenty of room in the Church at that Mass.

- 3) **HAND CONTACT:** Please refrain from holding or shaking hands during the Our Father or the Sign of Peace. As is our current practice, we encourage the use of hand sanitizer when entering the Church and before receiving Holy Communion.
- 4) **COLLECTION BASKETS:** Will remain at the Church entrances. Please place your donations there.
- 5) **BULLETIN & GOOD NEWS:** Will be distributed by the Greeters/Ushers at the end of Mass. If you are getting these publications via our e-mail distribution, we ask that you do not take hard copies. This will save the Parish the costs of printing supplies, etc. (*Starting 6/20<sup>th</sup>*)
- 6) **MISSALS AND SONG BOOKS:** Are already in the pews, and on the table in the Church Hall.
- 7) **SANITIZING** the pews and chairs after each Mass: Although this mandate has also be lifted, we would still like your help in continuing this practice (remember – slow roll out).
- 8) **NO one** is required to show proof of vaccination, and no person is to be asked about vaccination status. This includes St. Victoria's staff, volunteers, and those in the assembly. Please note this important courtesy.
- 9) We should use **common sense** in all matters and should not attend Mass if recently exposed to someone who has COVID-19 or are not feeling well ourselves.
- 10) **Bishop Knestout** continues to dispense all of the faithful of the Diocese of Richmond from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days until further notice, as some members of the faithful may not feel comfortable at liturgical celebrations with unmasked attendees or their attendance may be challenging due to conditions set forth in the existing Executive Order (e.g., fully vaccinated parents whose children should wear masks who are over the age of 5 and/or unvaccinated).

**Should you have questions regarding any changes, please contact Fr. Jim or the STV office.**

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