

Toronto, November 21, 2020

We want to thank all the parishioners of Christ the King for their ongoing support during this period of great uncertainty. It has been wonderful to see so many of you at Mass since we re-opened in June. We are especially grateful to the volunteers who have helped ensure our church is a safe place to gather – they have done incredible work!

As you know, the number of new COVID-19 cases in the Greater Toronto Area has increased significantly in recent days and, at present, Toronto and Peel Regions are in the “Lockdown Stage” as identified by the Province of Ontario. In addition, on November 20, 2020, Premier Ford announced special emergency measures that need to be taken in our area.

For this reason, as of Monday, November 23rd, we must restrict attendance inside the church to 10 people, including priests hearing confessions or a staff member/volunteer to monitor capacity restrictions. Sadly, due to these measures, **public Masses are temporarily cancelled**. Priests will continue to celebrate private Mass daily for the intentions of parishioners. Weekends Masses will be available online (<http://christthekingparish.info> – YouTube button).

Our church will remain open for private prayer and for the faithful to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturdays: 10:00am to 4:00pm

Weddings, funerals and baptisms are restricted to 10 persons, including those who are involved in ministry (priest, cantor, etc.). First Holy Communions and Confirmations are postponed.

While I recognize it is not a substitute for attending Mass in person, I encourage you to **view online/Livestream Mass at <http://christthekingparish.info/>**. Click on RED YouTube button.

We recognize these measures are extremely challenging. I am also so incredibly grateful for the efforts of our heroic volunteers who have been faithfully welcoming parishioners and cleaning the church between services, ensuring that we can operate safely and responsibly. Your selflessness and generosity are inspiring!

So many of the faithful rely on the reception of the sacraments and our churches to find solace, peace and support during this period of the pandemic. Despite these new restrictions, we will make every effort to continue our outreach to you. We also ask that you find opportunities to assist those who are vulnerable or alone among us.

We will continue to update you as the situation evolves.

We pray that you and your loved ones remain safe and healthy. May God continue to bless you now and always!

Fr. Zbigniew Rodzinka, Pastor.

