



## Our Lady of the Airways Parish

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### RETURNING TO THE CHURCH MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The People of Our Lady of the Airways Parish  
**FROM:** Father Thomas and the Pastoral Team  
**DATE:** June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
**SUBJECT:** The Gradual Reopening of Our Lady of the Airways Parish  
➤ Four Phase Timeline  
➤ Schedules and Guidelines

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*“Recognizing the very basic commandment of love of neighbour,  
we have a responsibility to care for one another in the re-opening.” - Cardinal Collins*

#### PHASE 1: PRIVATE PRAYER SCHEDULE

\*We will be sanitizing throughout the prayer time to ensure your safety.

##### **Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>** - Feast of Corpus Christi

- Church open for private prayer and adoration from 2:00pm - 5:00pm.

##### **Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>** - Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

- Church open for private prayer and adoration from 2:00pm - 5:00pm.

#### PHASE 2: MODIFIED SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE - WEEKEND OF JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup>/21<sup>ST</sup>

**Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>** - 5:00pm English Mass

**Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>** - 12:00pm (Noon) English Mass

#### **Dispensation From Our Sunday Obligation**

Just as a reminder, Cardinal Collins continues to dispense Catholics from our Sunday obligations. Therefore, if you are not yet feeling comfortable to attend Mass in our church building, or you are not feeling well, have a pre-existing condition, or are considered to be in a high risk category, then we respectfully ask you to continue to experience church in your home through virtual Mass and personal devotions.

#### **Regarding Mass During A Time of Pandemic**

- Complying with social distancing regulation, the seating capacity at Our Lady of the Airways Parish is limited to **56 designated spots** (households).
- Mass attendance at our parish will be on a **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS.**
- Parishioners will be required to **line up at the front main entrances of the church** (Similar to what is currently being done at other places with limited capacity).
- The church doors will open **30 MINUTES BEFORE DESIGNATED MASS TIMES.**  
\*We will evaluate our Mass schedule and make adjustments as the need arises.

### PHASE 3: WEEKDAY MASSES RESUME MONDAY, JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup>

#### \*NEW Weekday Mass Schedule\*

|           |                                                                 |
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| Monday    | 9:00am                                                          |
| Tuesday   | 9:00am                                                          |
| Wednesday | 9:00am ( <i>Blessing with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Icon</i> ) |
| Thursday  | 9:00am                                                          |
| Fridays   | 9:00am ( <i>No Adoration until further notice</i> )             |
| Saturday  | <b><u>NO MORNING MASS</u></b> ( <i>church closed</i> )          |

- All weekday Masses will be celebrated in English.
- **The church doors will be opened at 8:30am.**
- Private prayer time will be available following the 9:00am Mass until 11:30am.
  - When you arrive, you will find kneelers down in designated seating areas. Before you leave the church, please ensure that kneelers are left in an upright position. This will indicate that the pew has been used and allow us to sanitize it for the next parishioner. Thank you!
- At this time there will be **NO PUBLIC DEVOTIONS** before or after any Masses (*e.g., Rosary*).

### PHASE 4: SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE - WEEKEND OF JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup>/28<sup>TH</sup>

#### "PANDEMIC" WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE (*until further notice*)

|          |         |         |
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| Saturday | 5:00pm  | English |
| Sunday   | 8:00am  | English |
|          | 10:00am | Italian |
|          | 12:00pm | English |
|          | 2:00pm  | Tamil   |

### GUIDELINES FOR RETURNING TO THE CHURCH

#### Covid19 Protocols

The following physical distancing, sanitizing, and safety protocols have been put in place. Please adhere to these protocols for your good and the good of your neighbour.

- Please take a temperature check before leaving for church. If you have the slightest fever, or are feeling sick, please stay at home.
- Please wear a mask/face covering (*for everyone over the age of three*) and keep it on the entire time you are at the church. A mask will be provided if you need one.
- Please sanitize your hands at the marked sanitizing stations found at the entrance of the church.
- Always practice physical distancing. There will be clearly marked signage in the church.
- Once you have been directed to your designated pew, you are expected to remain seated until you exit the church.

#### Celebration of the Eucharist

- Please listen carefully to announcements before the start of Mass. Follow direction as advised.
- Parishioners attending Mass are asked **NOT TO SING** at this time to minimize the potential spread of the virus. Singing provides a significant opportunity for the projection of particles from the mouth.
- There will be **NO OFFERTORY** collection. Please leave donations in the designated basket upon departure as directed.
- We ask that people do not hold hands or shake hands during any portion of the celebration of the Eucharist. At the Sign of Peace, a nod or bow to others is appropriate.
- During this time of pandemic and under the guidance of local medical health officials, the faithful are asked **TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION IN THE HAND** by placing one on top of the other, allowing the Eucharistic Minister to safely place the Body of Christ in one's hand without contact.

### ***Celebration of the Eucharist cont'd.***

- Masks/face coverings should be removed prior to reception of Holy Communion and put back on after consumption.
- Follow direction for communion flow ensuring physical distancing at all times.
- Following Mass, please depart the church so that cleaning may commence.
- We ask you **NOT TO CONGREGATE/SOCIALIZE IN THE FOYER OR PARKING LOT.**

### **General**

- If you suddenly feel ill, start coughing or sneezing, please leave the church for the health and safety of others gathered.
- If, within 14 days of attending Mass, you learn that you or someone in your family who attended Mass with you has tested positive for COVID-19, you are asked to: a) contact the Ontario Public Health Authority; and, b) contact the parish office. Your identity will not be revealed to anyone other than the Public Health Authority, and only to ensure that any spread is contained.
- **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE WASHROOMS WILL REMAIN CLOSED. In case of an urgent matter, please approach an usher or a volunteer.**
- Votive candles will not be available at this time.
- Holy water fonts will remain empty until such a time they may be used safely.
- Please do not touch statues, images, or icons at this time.
- Until further notice all Mass intentions will be celebrated "For the People of Our Parish".

**Parish Office** - The parish office will remain closed to the public as per the directives of Public Health. We continue to check emails and voicemails on a daily basis.

**Communion to the Sick/Homebound** - If you are unable to physically come to church because you have a pre-existing condition or are considered to be in a high risk category, temporary arrangements can be made to have Holy Communion brought to you. Please contact the parish office and you will be added to our list.

**Funerals** - Funerals will once again be celebrated in the church, following physical distancing protocols. Families are required to directly contact the Funeral Home to make the necessary funeral arrangements.

**Baptism** - The baptism of infants and young children will be celebrated individually (e.g., one family at a time) and in the usual manner. Family and friends will be required to maintain physical distancing during the celebration. Please contact the parish office for the necessary Baptismal Registration Form.

**Reconciliation** - At this time, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be by appointment only. A schedule with regularly available Reconciliation times will be posted in the future.

**First Communion and Confirmation** - First Communion and Confirmation are not able to take place. When larger gatherings are permitted, communication will be shared with parishes regarding these sacraments.

The following guidelines make it very clear that the manner in which we will celebrate the Mass and the sacraments will be very different from those in which we were previously accustomed to. Although it may seem difficult to abide by these "new norms", let us not forget that by doing so, **we will fulfil our responsibility to care for one another in the re-opening of our church.** We will get through these difficult times together with the grace and help of God.

United in faith,



Rev. Thomas Lim  
Pastor



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Associate Pastor



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