

## **ST JOHN THE BAPTIST RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS DECREES**

**CHURCH IS LIMITED TO 10 PERSONS WITHIN THE MAIN BODY OF THE CHURCH AT ANY ONE TIME; CRY ROOM IS A SEPARATE ROOM, LIMITED TO 10 WITH DOOR CLOSED. PLEASE RESPECT PROPER DISTANCE, USING EVERY OTHER PEW WITH A COUPLE OR SINGLE PERSON AT EACH END OF THE PEW**

- Bulletins are available at the entrance of the church
- For up to date information, we would like to utilize emails as much as possible:
  - a. We will have a form in the church to sign up with this information; it will not be sold or distributed to any outside organization
- Anyone wishing to take a Missalette home may do so
  - a. When removing them from the binders, take care not to remove the prayer cards

**PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND ANY SERVICE IF THE FOLLOWING APPLY:**

If you are not feeling well, including any symptom of a common cold; runny nose, headache, body ache, sinus, sneezing, cough – you know the drill- If your spouse is under the weather or something is going through your children – Please do not attend these services.

- **EFFECTIVE MARCH 29, 2020**
  - a. Sign-up to attend private Mass
  - b. See above attendance limits
  - c. Mass will be offered at 7:30 AM; 8:15 AM; 9:00 AM and 10:15 AM
  - d. Please limit yourself and family to 1 Sunday per month
  - e. **NO ONE OVER THE AGE OF 70.**
    - i. This is for your protection, please understand this is uncharted territory
  - f. Private weekday Masses: Tues, Wed, Thurs and Fri 8:30 AM
  - g. Sign-up with above restrictions
  - h. Please limit yourself to no more than 1 x per week
    - i. The sign-ups will be placed in the main entrance of the church
- **CONFESSIONS:**
  - a. The Easter obligation for confession and reception of the Eucharist is 1 x per year, during the Easter Season (From Easter to Pentecost)
  - b. Confessions will resume after the restrictions are lifted
  - c. If you require confession, please contact Fr Jim for appointment
- **PALM SUNDAY - APRIL 5, 2020**
  - PALMS WILL BE BLESSED ON APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>
  - AVAILABLE 1<sup>ST</sup> COME, 1<sup>ST</sup> SERVED IN THE ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH
    - PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE OF ALL THAT MAY DESIRE PALMS
    - THEY WILL REMAIN AVAILABLE THE NEXT WEEK OR UNTIL GONE

- **FUNERALS**

- a. Funerals are going to be family only. Viewings before Mass (arranged through the funeral director of your choice)
- b. Funeral Mass will be without music
- c. No servers
- d. Limited to 10 persons in the church body at any one time; 10 persons in the cry room using separate entrance and exit
- e. Mass attendance limited to the immediate family, with 9 in the main body of the church, and 10 in the cry room. Please separate yourselves in an appropriate manner; every other pew and 1 person or a married couple at each end of the pew.

**IF FR JIM COMES DOWN WITH SOMETHING, ALL EVENTS AND SERVICES ARE CANCELLED**

**YOUR PARISH STILL NEEDS YOUR HELP DURING THESE TRYING TIMES:**

**AS WE TRY TO MAKE COMMUNICATIONS AVAILABLE AND TIMELY, PLEASE SEND US YOUR EMAIL**

**SEND TO Mary Gouin <mjgouin@frontier.com>**

**IF YOU ARE ABLE, PLEASE CONTINUE USING YOUR ENVELOPES OR DROPPING DONATIONS INTO THE LOCK BOXES INSIDE THE CHURCH. THESE WILL BE EMPTIED ON A DAILY BASIS**

**THIS MIGHT BE A GOOD TIME TO CONSIDER AUTOMATIC DEDUCTIONS ON A WEEKLY OR MONTHLY BASIS.**

**Please contact Pam in our finance office for instructions if you choose to do this**

**AS ALWAYS, ALL FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

**GOD BLESS OUR FAMILIES, OUR PARISH, OUR CITY AND NATION**

*Fr Jim*