

Dear friends and parishioners of St. Veronica's Parish,

You have undoubtedly heard that all places of worship are now restricted to having 25 people in attendance at services because Montreal has been placed in the Orange Zone. The Assembly of Quebec Catholic Bishops, along with representatives of other faith persuasions, has communicated its displeasure over the government's unjust reclassification of places of worship; that is, in the same classification as bars. By doing so the government has drastically limited the number of persons allowed to participate in religious services.

To avoid having to turn people away at the door of the church once we have reached the new designated limit of 25 people there will be no public Masses (Eucharist) this weekend (September 26/27). Furthermore, the church will be closed. The weekday Masses, in the coming week, will be celebrated as usual.

The Assembly of Quebec Catholic Bishops will be meeting with the government later this week in an attempt to have places of worship return to the norms established for their reopening the weekend of July 11/12. Though we will be fasting from attending a public Mass (Eucharist) this weekend we ask you pray that the abovementioned dialogue results in a positive resolution. We will provide you with further information as it becomes available.

Fr. Fred & the parish team