

November 26, 2020

Dear people of God, Greetings to you.

The Bishop of our Diocese, Bishop Stephen Jensen has directed us to follow the latest province wide restrictions in our diocese from now on for at least next two weeks.

Based on the measures announced, **the weekdays and weekend masses are not open to the Public.**

We will have one mass live streamed on Sunday at 11.00 am. You may watch it through the link from our parish website or the parish Facebook page.

As it is announced by the province, funerals, weddings and baptisms can take place with a limited number of 10 people including the celebrant.

Now and during the coming days Confession will be made available by appointment only. Kindly contact the parish office for appointment. **Mask is required during the time of Confession.**

**As per the latest update on the Province wide restrictions on November 25, 2020, YOU CAN STILL VISIT YOUR PLACE OF WORSHIP FOR INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS CONTEMPLATION OR PERSONAL PRAYER.** All those who visit the church for personal prayer should wear their Mask.

Dear parishioners, though it is a challenging time for all of us, it is also the time to increase our faith in Jesus and spend time in prayer. I will continue to celebrate the daily masses for the daily intentions but privately. I assure my prayers for all of you and May God bless you abundantly through the powerful intercession of our lady of Aparecida.

Yours in Christ,

Father Aruldas Lucas SAC

**Notes from Province- wide Restrictions**

By order and direction of the PHO, all individuals, places of work and businesses in B.C. must significantly reduce social interactions and travel.

**The order is in effect from November 19, 2020 at midnight to December 7, 2020 at midnight.**

No social gatherings of **any size** with anyone other than your household or core bubble.

In-person religious gatherings and worship services are suspended under the order. Religious services can continue using remote or virtual attendance options, like Zoom or Skype.

Masks are now required for everyone in all public indoor settings and workplaces. People who cannot wear a mask or who cannot put on or remove a mask on their own are exempt. Employers are expected to enforce the mandatory mask policy with both employees and customers. A customer can be refused entry or service if they do not wear a mask. Masks are required in all workplaces for shared work areas and areas where physical distancing cannot be maintained. This includes: Elevators, Kitchens, Customer, counters, Break rooms, Hallways, Meeting rooms with more than four people

Funerals, weddings and baptisms may proceed with a limited number of people and a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place. You can have a maximum of 10 people attend, including the officiant.