



Our Parish Family

Our Lady Help of Christians

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A welcoming Catholic faith community who gathers to celebrate the Word of God as a Eucharistic People.

Pastoral Letter – Stage 1 Capacity Restrictions

Before I begin, I would like to share my dismay with you as well. I have heard from a number of folks who are none to happy with the Catholic Church at the moment. Sadly, I do understand as I am still struggling to wrap my head around this as well. I will be saying more about this on the weekend. Please pray for the 215, those who morn for them, as well as the ones we aren't aware of.

I imagine by now you have heard that we are able to resume celebrating Mass together, thanks be to God! With the number of cases continuing their downward trend, and with vaccination rates rising, we are certainly heading in the right direction.

Just as a reminder, at this point in time, because the capacity is limited to 15%, all fours Masses will be celebrated at St. Christopher's in Forest (SC). *(Sunday Masses should be returning to Our Lady Help of Christians (OLHC) once capacity is increased to 30%.)*

As a friendly reminder, masks MUST be worn at all times, and we MUST maintain the social distances of 6'. In addition, your temperature will be taken upon arrival via the forehead or wrist, and for contact tracing purposes only, your contact information is required. I know, there are a lot of 'MUSTS' in this paragraph. No offence is intended. Thankfully, as one of the many religious institutions in the province that have been adhering to the directives as requested for the Government of Ontario, and our local health authorities, we are now safely able to move beyond 10 people.

Please keep the Mass times below in mind, and for the time being, they are all in Forest. We ask that you try to stick with your usual Mass schedule. That said, if for some reason a different time works better for you and your family, please come and we will do our best to get you seated.

Saturday 4:30 pm for SC, and 7:00 pm for OLHC

Sunday 9:00 am for OLHC, and 11:00 am for SC

(Please note: there are no weekday Masses scheduled at this time.)

So we can safely gather in His name, I thank you for your continued understanding, patience, and cooperation.

Peace be with you and your families,

Fr. Mark B. Maloney