



SACRED HEART PARISH

“RE-OPENING OF OUR CHURCH”

A MESSAGE FROM CARDINAL COLLINS, ARCHBISHOP OF TORONTO

TORONTO, ONT. (June 12, 2020) – With plans formally announced earlier this week, clergy, staff and volunteers at 225 Catholic churches in the Archdiocese of Toronto are preparing to welcome the faithful back to church. A phased resumption of worship will begin Sunday, as churches prepared to do so, open their doors for prayer.

Catholics find no greater joy or comfort than receiving the Eucharist at Mass. But out of love for their neighbour, parishioners have made the necessary sacrifice to forego public Masses and other large-scale celebrations over the past 12 weeks in order to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, celebrated a Mass via livestream every day during the shutdown to continue reaching out to the faithful. More than a hundred churches in the GTA also offered livestream weekend Masses and inspiring messages throughout the pandemic.

“I thank the faithful for their patience during these challenging days,” said Cardinal Collins. “While we have been called to worship God in different ways during this pandemic, there is no substitute for being able to welcome parishioners back to their spiritual home, so that we may pray and celebrate the sacraments together in person.”

The Archdiocese of Toronto’s 225 parishes will begin a phased re-opening this weekend:

- On Sunday, June 14 through Tuesday, June 16, parishes will re-open for private prayer (no Masses);
- On Wednesday, June 17, daily public Masses may resume;
- And on Saturday, June 20, public weekend Masses will return.

In partnership with Catholic dioceses throughout Ontario, the archdiocese has worked with health and safety experts to develop a plan that will adhere to government regulations, protect parishioners and provide a sacred experience. Parishioners should consult with their local church during this re-opening phase for operating hours and capacity restriction plans. Some parishes may delay opening if they feel more time is needed to safely open their doors.

On Friday, June 12, at 12:30 p.m., Cardinal Collins will address the media at St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica (**65 Bond St., Toronto**).

On Sunday, June 14, from 8:30 to 10 a.m., Cardinal Collins will also be available for media interviews at St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica (**65 Bond Street, Toronto**). The cathedral will be open for private prayer from 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

As one of the most diverse dioceses in the world, the Archdiocese of Toronto is home to 2 million Catholics, with more than 800 diocesan and religious priests providing pastoral leadership in churches throughout the GTA. Mass is celebrated each week in more than 30 different languages.

CELEBRATION OF MASS AND OTHER LITURGIES

SUNDAY, JUNE 14th

Church will be open for Prayer:

3:30 pm Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6:00 pm Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

MONDAY, JUNE 15th

Church will be open for Prayer

3:30 pm Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6:00 pm Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

TUESDAY, JUNE 16th

Church will be open for Prayer:

3:30 pm Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6:00 pm Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17th

Church will be open for Prayer & Mass:

3:30 pm Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6:00 pm Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

6:30 pm Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

7:00 pm Celebration of Mass (Livestreamed on Facebook)

THURSDAY, JUNE 18th

Church will be open for Prayer:

3:30 pm Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6:00 pm Last Day of Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

FRIDAY, JUNE 19th - SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Church will be open for Prayer & Mass:

6:30 pm Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

7:00 pm Celebration of Mass (Livestreamed on Facebook)

Join us every **Wednesday** in Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help at 6:30 pm, followed by Mass at 7:00 pm and **Sunday Mass**. You can join us on "Facebook Live" by clicking below.

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