



St. Paul's
CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Saint Paul's Catholic Church

St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Melba

Dear Faithful of St. Paul's,

April 29, 2020

Bishop Peter Christensen, following the strict guidelines given by our government, has given permission for the faithful to attend public Masses beginning May 2, 2020.

Dispensation for Mass continues for all who are over 60 or are vulnerable. Masses will still be live streamed.

****Do not come to Mass if you are sick or not comfortable being there.**

All safety protocol given by the CDC and the Governor must be followed, namely:

- Masks are highly recommended
- 6 feet of distance must be maintained between every individual
 - A family counts as 1 individual
- The church is marked and prepared to ensure social distancing
- The church will be sanitized before every Mass
- No books or hymnals may be in the pews
- The chalices will not be distributed
- No sign of peace or holding hands at the Lord's Prayer
- Holy Communion is to be given in the hand
- The collection basket will not be passed person to person
 - We will have a basket at the door
- Follow the trained usher's instructions for being seated
- You must take the seat given you by the usher
 - You cannot pick your seat or save seats
- There is no congregating before or after Mass in order to maintain social distancing
- Try your best to refrain from using the church bathrooms. We will sanitize after each person. Also, to get to the bathroom the entire pew will have to move so social distancing remains.
 - Parents must accompany a child to the bathroom

Once the church has reached its capacity, ushers will seat the faithful in Marist Hall where the Mass will be live-streamed, and a priest or deacon will bring Holy Communion.

We will do the best we can to ensure a beautiful and holy liturgy, within the safety protocols given. There will be staff and ushers on hand to assist you.

Let us keep one another in prayer.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Fr. Caleb Vogel