

May 4, 2022

Task Force Cautiously Eases Restrictions

The Re-Opening Task Force reached consensus on several steps to ease some restrictions put in place during the pandemic. These decisions coincide with measures included in the Bishop's memo of April 30, 2022.

The following changes to ease restrictions are effective immediately. Protocols that remain in place, for now, are also listed.

1. The good news that everyone's been waiting for is that meetings may now resume in the church Hall, with the following criteria:
 - There is a maximum of 40 people.
 - Pre-arranged table configurations are to be used for meetings.
 - Attendees are encouraged to use hand sanitizers available in the Hall.
 - Beverages may be prepared using kitchen supplies.
 - Snacks or pastries may be brought in for the meeting.
 - Food cannot be prepared in the kitchen, nor meals served in the Hall.
 - There are no funeral lunches available at this time.
 - Hall bookings will continue to be made through the office as usual.
 - The Mary Room is not yet available for meetings.
 - Groups using the Hall are asked to sanitize chairs, tables and other items after use.
 - The large screen and projector are for Mass overflow use only.
 - For hybrid meetings (in-person combined with Zoom) the host group is responsible for providing their own devices to connect with virtual attendees.

2. Church Entrance Area
 - Tables on each side of the foyer are being removed to allow access to the Hall and Mary Room.
 - Signage addressing COVID symptoms are being removed.
 - Washrooms are now open for regular use, not just for emergencies.
 - Weekly Bulletins will be available from the side cupboard countertops.
 - Complimentary masks and hand sanitizers will to be available on the table in front of the two centre worship area entrance doors.
 - Greeters will wear masks, but masks are optional for others.

3. Seating

- Every second pew will remain roped off. Ushers may use their discretion in removing ropes if additional seating is required.
- Tape in the middle of the pew seats will be removed providing removal does not damage the pew's wood finish.
- Floor tape will also be removed, as most worshippers are practising safe distancing.
- Church missals will not be returned to the pews at this time.
- The church will be sanitized on a weekly basis.

4. Ushering

- Ushers will continue to guide the congregation for Communion and on exiting.
- Boxes for offertory collections will remain in place at the back of the church.

5. There are no changes to the current status for:

- Pastor's protocols
- The Music Ministry
- Lectors
- Altar Servers
- Live Streaming

We extend appreciation to the Task Force for its thoughtful decisions that offer some relaxation of pandemic restrictions while maintaining parishioner health and safety as a priority.

Members of the Task Force are:

Father James, Pastor	Beatrice Metzler
Andrea North, Chair	Susan Raynak
Joyce Ilkka	Karl Schulzki
Cindy Jarvela	Al Tennant

Seniors Mass is Friday May 13th at 12:10 p.m.

(Note that this is not a healing Mass)

5 Pillars of the Vision:

- 1 - Stronger through **Worship**
- 2 - Larger through **Evangelization**
- 3 - Deeper through **Discipleship**
- 4 - Warmer through **Fellowship**
- 5 - Broader through **Ministry**



Leadership Summit

The Parish Leadership Summit on April 30th attracted 34 enthusiastic ministry leaders for an uplifting morning with a delicious meal, warm fellowship, and learning enjoyment. Master of Ceremonies, **David Gibb**, skillfully moved the program along seamlessly.

It began with *The Joys of Social Media* presented by **Katherine Bruneau**. She delighted the group with visuals that clearly showed how we can share parish celebrations through our social media platforms reaching wide audiences, and how ministries benefit from engaging social media followers with photos and text about our own parish family.

Father James and **Brian Kytter** presented *United in Vision*, a practical explanation as to why St. Agnes needs a 5 to 10 year vision, and how ministry teams aligned with the Vision achieve a greater return on their investment of time and resources.

The successful event was coordinated by **Suzanne Kruppa**, ensuring every detail was in place for this special occasion. St. Agnes Parish is truly blessed to have so many dedicated and skilled leaders excited to gather and work together as one in God's name.

First Communion Celebrations: Maureen Van Dyk

First Reconciliations were held the last week in April, and First Communion celebrations will be held May 4 & 5. Once again, this year's Celebrations are private due to COVID considerations. Each candidate may bring 7 guests for the event. Both evenings will be streamed live so family and friends at home can still celebrate the joyous event.

There will be 31 children participating in the upcoming 2022 First Communion Program.

Through our thoughts and prayers, let's welcome them in joining us at the Lord's Table.



Reaching Thousands through Social Media: Wanda Major

- The average live streaming views over a recent four-week time frame showed that the 5 p.m. Mass was viewed live, on average, by 15 persons, while an average of 136 were engaged (watched some or all the Mass at a later date/time). The 11 a.m. Mass was viewed live by 22 persons while 156 were engaged.
- Father James' Easter Message reached 826 people.
- There is a slight decrease in Adoration live views, with about 100 engaged.
- Facebook followers are now 983.
- In a recent 28-day time span, daily social media posts reached 3,450 people.