

Covid-Omicron Update - January 4, 2021

The Ontario Government has implemented new directives due to the Covid-Omicron variant spread. These directives **begin today on Wednesday January 5** and run for 21 days (January 26th). These new updates **do not change our present status** in churches.

We are still at 50% capacity (every second pew) with social distancing required. Family units can sit together. Masks must be worn and hand sanitizing is recommended. Holy Communion is to be distributed in the hand and there is no congregational singing at this time. Parish meetings, if necessary, are limited to 5 persons, and funeral services are maintained following the BAO directives. We recommend that parish offices be 'closed to the public' at this time, but this is at the discretion of the pastor. Secretaries and bookkeepers can still be working and social distancing and masking are required.

If people are still uncomfortable about attending Mass in person, please ask them to check for on-line celebrations. You are encouraged to get your vaccination and booster when you can for your safety and the safety of your parishioners and those around you. Let us continue to work together creating a safe environment for our parishioners and their families.

Sincerely,
Bishop Fred Colli