

Dear Parishioners,

Effective this coming Saturday, July 31st the Province of New Brunswick is lifting all pandemic restrictions. The letter from Bishop Christian Riesbeck expressing gratitude for everyone's care of each other and the many adjustments we all have made to live this pandemic experience as safely and lovingly as possible is on the bulletin board at each worship site. He also explains how we will transition as a diocese and parishes into the 'Green' level of recovery. Holy Spirit Parish will be implementing these directives this weekend, July 31st - August 1st.

What will this look like this weekend?

- **Entry into the Church:** We no longer need to register, or be checked in on the attendance sheets and no questioning in regards to personal health or travel.
- **Seating:** As the 2 meter physical distancing is no longer required, seating will be returned to full capacity and you can be seated where you choose.
- **Masks:** Masks are no longer required for indoor gatherings. However, it is encouraged that we be sensitive to each other's health and safety needs and may choose to wear a mask for your own protection or to protect others. Masks will continue to be provided at the entrances of all Church Sites.
- **Sanitizing:** Sanitizing of seats and shared resources are no longer required. However, it remains an excellent practice to sanitize our hands as we enter the churches or other church facilities. Hand Sanitizer will remain available at all entrances to our churches and parish buildings.
- **Singing:** Congregational singing will once again be encouraged. All hymnals will be placed back in the pews.
- **Holy Communion:** The distribution of Communion will be returned to the proper time during Mass. We will refrain from distributing the Precious Blood during the Mass.

- **Sign of Peace:** At the “Sign of Peace”, parishioners are invited to extend a physical sign of peace to those near to them. The cultural practice within our diocese is to shake the hand of the other as a sign of peace. For those who may not feel comfortable with physical contact, an alternative sign of peace may be offered.
- Both of our Parish Offices will now be open to the public at our normal times through the week.
- Weekdays Masses will be Tuesday evening at 7 pm and Thursday at 12:10 pm.
- Meetings can resume at our Church Sites and halls.
- Please note – it will take some time for us to set up scheduling for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors.

Many Blessings as we continue to journey in faith and action!

Fr. David