



St. Paul's Reopening Protocol

The Reopening Committee continues to finalize protocol for our reopening planned for Sunday, September 13th. Guidelines are being set by our diocese to ensure the health and safety of all parishioners.

In the beginning, St Paul's will look like a very different church than we are accustomed to. However, the good news is that we will again be able to worship in our church with our friends and clergy.

Be assured, this will not last forever and this committee will work within the guidelines to bring us back to the St. Paul's we know and love.

In the meantime, here are the basic guidelines we will be following in the first few weeks of reopening.

- † Before you arrive, the church will be completely cleaned and sanitized.
- † There will be one Sunday service at 10 a.m.
- † Beginning with the September 13th service, you will be required to register with the church office – indicating your intention to attend. This will help in limiting the number allowed per Provincial guidelines, as well as for tracking purposes.
- † Entrance/exit will be restricted to one door only– the east door on Russell Street.
- † Masks are required at all times – we can provide if you do not have one.
- † All Sidespersons will be appropriately protected and will be taking your temperature to ensure you do not have the virus. If you are not feeling well, please stay home.
- † Your name will be checked off the registration list.
- † Numerous hand sanitizers will be available.
- † You must pick up your own bulletin and please take it home with you.
- † A Sidesperson will assist seating in designated areas and in exiting. Six foot distancing will be observed.
- † This will be a communion service with the host only – wine is restricted at this time.

Some of the necessary changes you will notice...

- † For safe distancing purposes there will be no processional or recessional.
- † Regular organ/piano music – no change
- † No singing as this increases the risk of germs.
- † An offering plate will be provided at the communion rail.
- † Communicants will not kneel, but receive the host from the Priest – standing.
- † The order of service including music and prayers will remain unchanged.
- † Rules dictate that there can be no coffee reception after the service.
- † First floor washrooms will be available.

We realize that these set protocols may seem awkward and restrictive – **and they are** – but we are dealing with the health and safety of our loved ones. This will not last forever (please pray). As these restrictions are lifted and/or eased, we will make the necessary changes. Hopefully, St. Paul's will soon return to the unrestricted form of worship we know and love.

Reopening Committee

