

OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY PARISH
21 Queen St. South Thorold ON L2V 3M7

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We look forward to welcoming our Catholic community home again!

We are still in the midst of a pandemic. Recognizing the very basic commandment of love of neighbour, we have a responsibility to care for one another. Our primary concern must be for the life and health of the whole community.

Since COVID-19 is still a public health threat, Catholics are dispensed from their obligation to attend Sunday Mass.

Churches are open to a maximum capacity of 30% on a first come – first seated policy.

Please take appropriate precautions including taking your temperature before leaving home to attend Mass, ensuring proper hygiene especially hand washing. If you have a fever or are feeling unwell or if you have been in contact with someone suffering from possible or confirmed COVID-19 symptoms, please stay home and contact your doctor/public health.

Screening and public health protocols are in place. Facemasks for those over three years of age are strongly encouraged by recommendation of the Ontario Medical Officer of Health. The Church does not provide facemasks - BYOM

Entry to the Church will be through the main door (facing Queen St. South) only. To exit the Church, only the door by the Adoration Chapel (side entrance facing Sullivan Avenue, closest to the Altar) is to be used. For disinfecting/cleaning purposes, please refrain from using multiple pews during Mass. This will help ensure that the next Mass will start on time.

There will be no Children's Liturgy of the Word at this time. Singing is discouraged.

When it is time for Communion, there will only be one Priest and only one line (social distancing markers are in place) with alternating rows going up to receive. (i.e. an entire row on the right side of the Church will receive Communion followed by the entire row on the left side of the Church)

Reception of Communion by hand is preferred. Those receiving Communion are instructed to remove their masks while the person ahead of them is receiving Communion. After the Priest says, "The Body of Christ" and the communicant responds "Amen" (at a distance of two meters - six feet), the communicant then approaches the Priest to receive Communion. If you choose not to receive Holy Communion, you may need to leave your seat to allow social distancing for those that are exiting or entering the pew before and after Communion.

An offertory collection basket will not be passed through the congregation. Instead, you may drop off your donation into the basket that will be located at the exit of the Church. You may also make donations through our website www.ourladyoftheholysrosary.org or call or email the parish office to make arrangements to sign up for monthly pre-authorized remittances for your donations.

After Mass, you are asked to exit quietly, maintaining physical distancing. Do not congregate at the doors of the Church or in the parking lot.

We are taking precautions to protect the health and safety of everyone who comes into our Church. However, there can be no guarantee of complete protection from infection. There can be risks of contracting viral infection in large gatherings of people.

If you develop COVID-19 symptoms in the days following your attendance at Mass, please phone/email the parish office, in addition to contacting your doctor/public health.

Parish offices remain closed to the public at this time. Parish ministries, meetings and activities are still on hold.

We ask for your co-operation and patience as we work together to join in prayer during these unique days of pandemic.

Please address any questions or concerns to our Pastor, Fr. Michael Basque, at the Parish Office 905-227-3178 or email holyrosary@cogeco.net .

We must continue to pray for the people in our community and our world, as we begin to move forward and heal from the devastation of this pandemic.