

On Monday June 8, 2020, the government of Ontario announced the limited re-opening of places of worship up to a maximum of 30% of seating capacity, while maintaining social-distancing protocols (6 feet between people of differing households), effective 12:01 a.m. Friday June 1, 2020. We are thankful as this time of closure has been painful and difficult. Our seating capacity at St. Cecilia is 600 but with social distancing considerations, we are planning to celebrate Mass with up to 43 people. To do so will require enormous volunteer effort, effective communication, adherence to provincial, Archdiocesan and parish requirements, and the patience and cooperation of us all.

As we implement our re-opening plans, we must do so with prudence and caution, ensuring that we do everything possible to reduce the potential transmission of the virus. As you can expect, things will look a little different when we return to church. There may be some practices that are uncomfortable, and they may seem overly restrictive. However, to prevent us from having to close once again and to keep everyone as safe as possible, we must all do our part and make the best of this challenging situation. One of the biggest challenges is that, to re-open, we must do so in phases where our capacity will be limited due to directives from the Province of Ontario's medical experts. Please read carefully this document to learn what re-opening will look like, how you can prepare to return to church, and how we will do our best as a parish to address the challenges presented in re-opening. This document also includes our current schedule.

One key point that I would like to highlight is that the Archdiocese, after consulting with the Chief Medical Officer for the Province of Ontario, **is recommending that all those (over the age of 3) who come to church wear a mask/face covering to mitigate the potential spread of the virus. While not mandatory, they are highly recommended.** Again, I recognize this is uncomfortable but it is out of care and love for our neighbour that we are asked to comply. Please follow this direction and consider bringing a mask/face covering with you when you return to church.

Finally, I **invite you to consider how you might share your time and talents as a volunteer.** The many tasks required for re-opening are significant and we need more volunteers than ever to help. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact the office.

A few things to note for the foreseeable future:

- There will be **no congregational singing at Masses.**
- There may be a cantor / musician at our recorded Mass or at 11 a.m. Mass
- There will be **no need for Extra-ordinary ministers of Communion or Lectors**
- There will be **no need for altar servers.**
- The office will remain closed. For assistance, please call 416 769 8163, or email: [stceciliatoronto@gmail.com](mailto:stceciliatoronto@gmail.com).

\*\*\* Cardinal Collins has extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass for the foreseeable future. Please do not feel compelled to attend church if you are in a vulnerable population. Please do not attend Mass if you feel at all unwell.

\*\*\* Please do your best to use washroom facilities at home before arriving. The washroom will be locked and only unlocked in the event of genuine urgency and use will be limited to no more than 1 person at a time.

\*\*\* The Hall will be locked and off limits

\*\*\* Please do not touch statues, images or holy paintings at any time.

\*\*\* If you test positive for Covid-19 virus within 14 days of any visit to St. Cecilia Church, please inform the office so that we can take appropriate care of you and those with whom you may have been in contact.

## **PARISH RE-OPENING**

### **DAILY MASS**

Wednesday, June 17th	9:05 a.m.
Thursday, June 18th	9:05 a.m.
Friday, June 19th	9:05 a.m.
Saturday, June 20th	9:05 a.m.

**Please note that for daily Mass, the church will open at 8 a.m. for the 9:05 a.m. Mass and must close at 10 a.m. for cleaning to take place.**

### **SUNDAY LITURGY**

#### **On-Line Reservations Required**

We are using Eventbrite for the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Mass reservations. See below for reservation details.

Saturday, June 20th	7 p.m.
Sunday, June 21st	9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Doors will open 30 minutes before Mass and will close once Mass starts. Please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start of Mass. You **must** show your ticket (printed or on your phone) to be admitted.

**The church will close immediately following each Mass for cleaning.**

## **HOW TO REGISTER FOR PARISH MASS WITH EVENTBRITE:**

**Eventbrite** is an on-line Event Reservation system

Here is the link to our Eventbrite page:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/sunday-mass-st-cecilia-parish-tickets-109029688734>

You will be required to give the name and email of the person booking the reservation. You do not need to provide contact information for every person you are registering. Please register only those who will DEFINITELY ATTEND. Registration is on a first come – first served basis, and closes two hours before the Mass begins. Each person attending must have a ticket to be admitted. If you arrive at the church without a ticket you will not be able to attend that Mass unless there is leftover room (i.e. other registered person/s did not attend; socially distanced spacing can be maintained).

If EventBrite is not available to you, you may call the office for assistance. You **must call by Friday at 2 p.m.** Please leave a clear and detailed message (name/s of person/s intending to come, which Mass with specific date and time, and a call back number. Please state the number twice).

*Note that the office is still closed at this time. You will need to leave a voice message on the parish answering machine and we will attempt to book the space on-line for you. Your reservation at the Mass you wish to attend is not confirmed until you have received a call back from the office. If you book through the office, the usher at the door will have your name on a list. Please tell the usher at the door that the office booked for you as you will not have the required ticket to present.*

**EventBrite is the preferred way for you to sign up.**