



St. Jude's Anglican Church
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In-Person Worship Re-Opening Protocol

We are looking forward to Sunday, September 13th when we can welcome you back to in-person worship at St. Jude's.

This communication will explain the procedures and safeguards that have been implemented for in-person worship services to ensure that St. Jude's meets or exceeds the applicable COVID-19 prevention requirements.

Effective September 13, 2020 the following will be the service schedule:

1. *Sunday Eucharist at 8:00 am and 10:00 am (alternating with Mattins)*
2. *Wednesday Eucharist at 10:30 am*
3. *Sunday Evening Prayer at 4:00 pm (virtual until further notice)*
4. *Sunday Jazz Vespers at 4:00 pm (virtual until further notice)*

1. St. Jude's plan for communicating to our congregation about in-person worship:

- Parish-wide email communication and mailings for those with no email.
- Maximum occupancy in the building and at each service is 50 (including clergy, greeters, etc)
- We encourage parishioners to participate through live-streaming, if more comfortable, and to also attend mid-week and early morning service with a view to reduce pressure at the 10:00 service.
- A step-by-step **video** with processes and protocols for in-person worship will be sent via email and posted on the St. Jude's website and Facebook page.
- Signage at the Church is incorporating Halton By-law 47-20, including exception to the face mask requirement. Non-compliance will result in removal from the premises in accordance with Government protocols.

2. St. Jude's plan for cleaning and disinfecting the building:

- Church nave will be professionally cleaned on Mondays and Thursdays
- A dry ULV fogger will be used between services (because it disinfects surfaces with a multi-use, no rinse, broad spectrum sanitizer, that is safe to human, animal, marine and plant life).
- Lysol spray and wipes will be used to clean high touch areas such as door knobs, washrooms, etc.
- Nave interior entry door will be signed as "off-limits" after professional sanitation on Mondays and Thursdays.

3. St. Jude's plan to ensure physical distancing with re-configured seating:

- Pews are marked with BLUE tape at 2' intervals, with every other pew closed.
- Attendees will be instructed, when entering an empty pew, to move right to the centre aisle seat. If a pew is not empty, then enter only if there are THREE empty slots between them and the other people in the pew.
- Family groups can sit together.
- Couples can also sit together, which will leave room for one single person in the pew.
- Two singles can fill a pew with three spaces, six feet, between them.



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4. What is expected of YOU when you return to in-person worship at St. Jude's?

- Pre-register for your choice of service time by using the provided email link each Tuesday. You will receive an email confirmation after registering. If the maximum capacity has been reached, you will not be able to pre-register for that Sunday.
- For those that don't have email, they may call the church office at 905-844-3972 for pre-registering for the coming Sunday.

On the Sunday:

- Enter the Church through **one entrance only**: the ramp on west side of building. Priority in the line-up will be given to parishioners who use mobility devices, have difficulty standing and/or who have small children.
- Face masks are mandatory as soon as you enter the building as per Halton Region By-law 47-20 including the exceptions to the face mask requirement.
- Sanitize your hands upon entry **and** before/after communion **and** as you exit.
- Provide your name and ensure contact email and/or phone number is on file at the church at service reception for contact tracing. This is a Public Health requirement for every individual- no exceptions.
- Answer the question "Are you experiencing any of the listed COVID symptoms?"
- Keep your coats, hats and umbrellas with you.
- Avoid greetings that include any physical contact, such as handshakes or hugs and maintain the 6 foot physical distancing at all times.
- No Sunday school or child care will be available; families will stay together.
- Exchange of the Peace will be done by bowing or a wave.
- No congregational singing.
- Please use the baskets at the entrance/exit for Church offerings
- A printed Order of Service will be available; we ask you to take it home or deposit it in the blue recycling box at the exit.
- Follow the Greeters instructions as they direct the Communion flow. Those not wishing communion will step into the aisle to allow socially-distanced passage of any others in the pew to go forward.
- You will receive communion; of wafer only from the Celebrant. As you exit the pew to the main aisle, you will be given sanitizer by a greeter, receive the wafer, step to the side, pull your face mask down, consume wafer, then put your face mask on again, sanitize hands using the no-touch sanitizer stands and return to your pew by the side aisle only.
- Narthex washroom is the only one designated for use during services. Must be sanitized after use.
- When the service ends, parishioners will exit the church through the Narthex, back rows first. The Greeters will guide you, so please follow their instructions.
- No coffee fellowship will be offered following services.
- Please disperse as quickly as possible after leaving the church to ensure no 'crowding' and compliance with social distancing once outside the building.