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Important things to bring with you.

- *Your mask.*
- *A personal small bottle of hand sanitizer.*
- *A cushion to sit on, if you like.*
- *A downloaded copy of the bulletin to your device. A supply of paper copies will be available, if needed.*

Implementing the Diocesan Plan

These months that we, the church community, have not been able to meet face to face have been difficult and we're all looking forward to coming back. But we are returning to a new reality, so please take the time to review this newsletter to help make meeting together again as safe as possible. The Diocesan Plan "In This Together" for a gradual return to in-person worship is marked out in stages: RED, AMBER, YELLOW, AND GREEN. As of this writing, up until September 1st, we are Stage RED. September 1st marks the move to Stage AMBER. The Sunday Service for St. James, Carleton Place is at **9:00 AM on September 6, 2020**. In the short term, at least, there will be only one service on Sundays.

Your Pandemic Planning Team is

Fr. Brian Kauk, Jacky Parker (co-leader), Lynn Hyndman (co-leader), Ronette Vines, and Flora Neave. Please keep us in your prayers.

Rationale

As a Christian community, everything we do seeks to embody the way of Christ's love. Every safety measure we take is an act of love for our neighbour, to protect them as we would protect members of our own family. We wear masks, wash our hands and stay home when we are unwell because these are acts of love. This is the Christian value that underwrites everything you will read that follows.



Welcome Home! What's different?

Before You Arrive

In order to help ensure the health and safety of everyone who comes to our service, the church building will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized before and after each service.

Before you attend a service, please screen yourself for COVID-19 symptoms. If you feel unwell or if you feel the risk is unacceptable, please stay home. The Leeds-Grenville-Lanark Health Unit website states: *"Most people infected with COVID-19 have mild symptoms, such as low-grade fever and cough. Some people develop more severe symptoms, such as high-grade fever, breathing difficulties or shortness of breath. These symptoms are similar to those of influenza and other coronaviruses, and it is difficult to differentiate COVID-19 from other viruses based on symptoms alone."*

If you are exhibiting any of these symptoms, please DO NOT attend church nor come into the building for any other reason. Seek medical attention.

Please also bring your own personal sized hand sanitizer which you will use just prior to and just after receiving communion.



All those who come to church will be required to wear a mask. Please bring your own with you and put it on before you enter the building.

If you don't have a mask, or you forget it, a small supply of disposable masks will be available at the entrance to the church.



The size of the congregation is limited to no more than 50 people. For the first few weeks, you will need to register to attend church.

All the prayer and hymn books have been removed from the church. The order of service will be available on our website or by our *Staying Connected* email by the end of the week— please download it to your device or print your own copy and bring it with you if you can. Some printed copies will be available at the church.



Ensure your mask is properly fitted on your face. Be advised that face shields are not a substitute for masks.

Upon Arrival

Please enter by the **Parish Hall doors** where you will be greeted and given further direction.

There will be hand sanitizer dispensers at the entrance of the church and at in various locations throughout the church. Your hands will be sprayed with sanitizer by a greeter on entering and exiting the church.

When you arrive for a service, you'll be asked to provide your name and your telephone number or email address. We are required to collect this information to help with contact tracing in case someone who's been here is later found to have COVID-19. You will also be asked if you have any COVID-19 symptoms or have been exposed to anyone who is ill in the last 14 days. If you have, you cannot be admitted to the service.

Please arrive early and wait to be escorted to your seat by an usher.



DURING THE SERVICE

Physical distancing will be maintained at all times. There must be no touching at any point before, during or after the service.

An offering plate will be available as you enter the church. It will not be passed during the service.

The congregation is not permitted to sing.

Only the clergy will administer the Eucharist. They will sanitize their hands several times both before after the distribution of communion, which will be by wafers only for the congregation. Attendees are asked to bring a personal size bottle of hand sanitizer for own use before and after receiving communion.



GO IN PEACE TO LOVE & SERVE THE LORD!

You will be invited to leave by the church doors, when directed by an usher.

Please remain seated until otherwise directed and please be sure you take everything you brought with you.



other things of note...

Areas of the church not necessary for worship will be closed. The Cloak Room will be closed. Please take everything with you into church.

Washrooms should only be used when urgently needed. Thank you.

To keep everyone safe and healthy, you are asked not to gather in the building or outside, before or after the service and to maintain physical distancing at all times.

Please don't feel obliged to return to in-person worship if you don't feel ready to do so, if you are in a high-risk group (because of age, underlying health conditions or as a caregiver to someone at high risk). Online services will continue to be offered for the time being. Please contact the church if you are suspected or diagnosed with COVID-19 within 14 days of attendance so that we can offer appropriate pastoral care.

For more information please visit our website:

www.stjamescarletonplace.ca

or Facebook: www.facebook.com/stjamescarletonplace

This information package was adapted from one created by the Parish in the Valley. We thank them for their work.