

# Saint Boniface

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## Announcement of Reopening for Public Liturgy

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*I rejoiced when I heard them say,  
"Let us go to the house of the Lord." - Psalm 122:1*

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

These past two months and more, during which we have not been able to celebrate the Mass together, have been difficult for all of us. While we affirm our shared responsibility for the common good and respect for life to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, we also know that being physically separated from each other and unable to receive the nourishment of the Eucharist has made the suffering caused by the pandemic even harder to endure. Thankfully, Archbishop Kurtz has announced that parishes may resume the public celebration of Mass and other liturgies starting on Wednesday, May 20th.

This means that **Saint Boniface will reopen for the public celebration of Mass on Sunday, May 24th.** To reverently celebrate Mass safely, there will be a number of changes necessary to the way we gather again as a community: social distancing, wearing masks or face coverings in church, observing proper hygiene and sanitizing procedures, and more. Because of these requirements, Mass will be celebrated at **11:00 only** for the time being. This is to ensure that the church is able to be sanitized before each Mass. We will continue to evaluate our capacity to observe these precautions and add the 8:30 Mass back into our schedule. More details regarding procedures that will be in place will be shared in the coming days.

Preventing the spread of COVID-19 continues to be an overriding concern. Anyone who is sick or living with someone who is sick, or who feels vulnerable for any reason should continue to stay home. Archbishop Kurtz has extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation until further notice. We also plan to continue posting videos of Sunday Mass to YouTube.

In addition, the parish office will reopen Wednesday, May 20th with similar precautions regarding masks and social distancing to protect our staff and visitors.

On our first two Sundays back, we will celebrate the great solemnities of Ascension and Pentecost. We look forward to being with you to celebrate how Christ has commissioned us to be his witnesses and has poured out the gift of the Holy Spirit upon us. See you soon.

Peace,

Fr. Jeff and Fr. Steven