

PENTECOST MESSAGE FROM YOUR PASTOR

MAY 26, 2020

Father Jozef Kobos, SDS

Dear People of God;

I am writing today as your pastor and faithful servant at Trinity Catholic parish. I send you God's blessings and hope this message finds you well and able to cope with the current pandemic challenges. Please keep me and all the faithful in your prayers.

Bishop Gary has announced this week that we are "called to embrace a New Pentecost". He has asked that churches throughout the Diocese begin to re-open this weekend in a careful and safe manner. See the diocese website www.rcdvictoria.org for the complete documents. We have been provided with solid advice and protocols to guide this challenge. Consequently, I have formed an action team of advisors to help us all return in a limited way to the public celebration of Mass. With the advice of the Diocese and my action team, here are some things for you to consider:

MASS:

- Bishop Gary says that **Sunday Mass attendance is not obligated** until this pandemic situation is over. He counsels that people who are ill, living with someone who is ill, or have recently travelled internationally must stay home. He also says people with underlying or compromised medical conditions and family members living with these folks are also encouraged to stay home.
- Parishioners who do plan to attend Mass do so at their own risk and must take responsibility for protecting themselves and others. Masks are encouraged but optional.
- Masses are **limited to 50 parishioners** of Trinity Catholic including the celebrant.
- Appropriate social distancing and disinfection will be practiced.
- In order to safely accommodate many parishioners, you may **register for ONE MASS ONLY** of the Masses offered throughout the week. For now, you **may not** attend more. By regulation, a pre-registered attendance roster will be maintained in the unlikely event that health officials have to trace contacts of someone who has become ill.
- Signage and ushers will greet attendees at the doors. You will be guided you to your seat.

PRE-REGISTERING FOR MASS:

- **Please choose a preferred Mass to attend as well as alternate choices.**
- **Send this information along with your phone number to Trinity Parish**
 - **Email – trinitycatholic@shaw.ca**
 - **Phone – 250-390-2612 (Mon-Fri. 9:00am-4:00pm)**

Yours faithfully in Christ,

Father Jozef