



## ***St. Mary's Parish***

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Greetings from St. Mary's Parish,

After 44 days of painting, cleaning and moving pews in and out of the building we are finally ready to move back into the church nave for masses. Our parish has been blessed with many committed parishioners providing ministries. We understand it might be confusing to understand why since resuming masses we have not moved to a model of scheduling people for the various ministries.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton released a letter from Archbishop Richard Smith on May 26, 2020 and his Grace assures us that we remain in his prayers, and although masses have resumed with restrictions the dispensation is still in place and we are still excused from the obligation of attending Sunday Masses.

From this directive the decision was made to suspend all schedules as many of our current volunteers are in the vulnerable categories. Any individuals who feel comfortable and wish to attend mass can volunteer to help when they sign up for masses. All training will be provided and none of these roles require more than 30-45 minutes of additional time.

**These are the new roles required at each mass:**

Safety Coordinator

Point of Entry

Sanitizer

Usher

Proclaimer (first reading, psalm, second reading, prayers of the faithful)

Anyone wishing to attend mass is asked to pre-register online, by phone or by email. Upon registering anyone who is willing and able to assist can offer their name at that time. All ministries require Called to Protect. This will continue until restrictions are lifted.

Yours truly,

Father Mirek & St. Mary's Parish Team