

A Joyful Welcome to all Parishioners of
Sacred Heart Parish, Edson

We thank you for your patience these past two months as we all have been awaiting a return to gathering in Eucharistic celebration. This week, Archbishop Richard Smith announced the resumption of public liturgies within the Archdiocese of Edmonton beginning June 1st. Sacred Heart Parish is busy preparing to welcome parishioners for Eucharistic celebrations starting the weekend of June 6/7th with the full implementation of the recommended health and safety guidelines as set out by the Archbishop. We also thank you in advance for your consideration toward the necessary changes that will be implemented to ensure both the worthy and reverent celebration of the Eucharist and the safety of all attendees.

Sunday and weekday Mass times will remain the same as before:

Saturdays (5 pm) and Sundays (10 am)

Due to a limit of 50 people per celebration as recommended by the Archdiocese, a third Sunday Mass will be added if required to meet the number of people wanting to return to Mass at this time.

Weekday Masses – Tuesday (7 pm), Wednesday (9 am), Thursday (7 pm)
and Friday (9 am)

Even though everyone is welcome to return to church liturgies, we understand that some of you may not be ready or comfortable returning at this time. In this regard, the Archbishop has extended the dispensation/exemption from your Sunday obligation. Please consider what is best for you and for others. If you feel especially vulnerable for age or health reasons, please continue to pray with all of us and avail yourself of the many other sources for online Masses. If you are unsure of the risk you could be to others due to recent travel, your current state of health, or your contact with someone who may be ill, please refrain from attending until after the recommended self-isolation period.

We will be following clear health and safety protocols for your reassurance. Here is a brief overview:

- A limit of 50 people per celebration.
- Adherence to physical distancing expectations inside and outside the church
- A pre-entry health screening questionnaire (attached)
- Taking attendance for the purpose of possible contact tracing
- Please arrive 5 to 10 minutes prior to Mass to allow for health pre-screening, attendance and being ushered to your seat
- Sanitizing hands upon entry and exit
- Wearing of personal masks during the distribution of Communion
- A system for reserving a place for the Sunday liturgies
- Extra cleaning of the church between Masses

Further details are attached to this letter. Please read them for further clarification.

We will make every effort to forward this letter and other communications to all parishioners, but we may not succeed in reaching all of you. Therefore, we ask anyone receiving these communications to spread the word within your own circle of contacts and ask those who have been missed to call or email the parish office with their email contact information. Our preferred means of communication will be email so that the office is not overrun with phone calls.

(Email – **sacrhear@telus.net** or **SacredHeart.Edson@caedm.ca**)
(Phone 780-723-3661)

You may also keep up to date by visiting the Sacred Heart Parish webpage at <https://sacredheartedson.caedm.ca/> or find and follow us on Facebook by searching Sacred Heart Catholic Parish – Edson.

Anyone wanting the Sacrament of Reconciliation can come to the church 30 minutes prior to any weekday Mass (not weekend Masses), or phone the church for an appointment.

We look forward to joining together once again in celebration of our Lord!

Sincerely,

Fr. Thomas, SAC

Sacred Heart Parish, Edson.