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**CHINESE MARTYRS CATHOLIC CHURCH**

## Church Re-opening Directives for Parishioners

(March 18, 2022)

It is our responsibility to offer a safe environment for all parishioners who participate in the mass. To prepare for the church's re-opening, a *Church Re-opening Directives* was developed as a guideline. We ask for parishioners' full cooperation and follow the directives accordingly.

### Parishioners

#### Parishioners' responsibilities:

If the faithful have any discomfort or have been in contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19, please DO NOT enter the church building and seek medical advice.

According to the latest Worship Safe Protocols updates of the Archdiocese of Toronto (2022.3.9), the Chinese Martyrs Catholic Church will take the following corresponding measures effective March 21, 2022. We request the full cooperation of all the faithful:

1. Indoor masking requirements end in church, parish halls and offices starting on Monday, March 21, 2022. For the sake of everybody's health, the parish encourages all the faithful to continue wearing masks within the congregation.
2. The use of hand sanitizer upon entry to the church is required.
3. Parishioners can receive the communion on tongue starting March 21.
4. Parishes should follow the guidance of the ushers and continue with distancing at Holy Communion.
5. Please be patient and follow the guidance of the ushers to leave the church.
6. When leaving the church, please place your offering in the baskets at the exits of the church.
7. Livestream and online Mass will continue until April. Arrangements will then be made as needed.

Parishioners should pay close attention to the updates on the parish website and follow all guidelines. The above information can also be found on the CMCC website.

# Parish Safety Guidelines

## BEFORE MASS

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## DURING MASS

- At the Sign of Peace, parishioners can bow or nod to those around them.
- Holy Communion:
  - **Receive Holy Communion on Hands**
    - The priest or Eucharist minister is standing at the position engraved with a cross on the ground to distribute the Eucharist. When they hold the Eucharist and say "The Body of Christ", parishioners stand on the spot marked **yellow 1**, (keep a distance of 6 feet / 2 meters) and answer "Amen".
    - Parishioners step forward, stand on the spot marked **yellow 2** to receive the Eucharist.
    - Parishioners then go to the designated spot marked **yellow 3**. Facing the altar, parishioners should lift the mask, consume the Eucharist, and put the mask back.
  - **Non-Catholic and Parishioners who are not ready to receive the Holy Communion** can remain sitting at their own seat
  - **Receive Holy Communion on Tongue**
    - To ensure everyone's safety, the faithful who receive the Eucharist on the tongue will be arranged to sit in Section D so they will receive the Eucharist last. The ushers will guide the parishioners to receive the Eucharist. For the parishioners who are not sitting in Section D but wish to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, they can also wait in line in front of the glass window of the Baby room and will be arranged to receive Holy Communion. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!



## MORE INFORMATION

- The Sacrament of Confession: After the weekday morning mass and before the evening mass. Confessions can also be arranged by appointments. During the pandemic, the Sacrament of Reconciliation would be performed in the Baby Room (Crying Room). Priests will wear masks and we encourage parishioners to also wear masks during confession; a notice will be posted on the room door encouraging parishioners to wear masks; a box of masks will be placed in the Confession (Baby) room.
- There will be no offering collection; at the end of the Mass, please place offerings in the baskets located at the exits of the church. We also encourage parishioners to [donate online](#).
- During this period of time, the following services are stopped:
  - Parish newsletters; please visit the church website for more information.
  - Sunday shuttle bus services.
  - Sunday Café
- For any enquiry, please call the parish office. Phone: 905-294-1377.

**The Archdiocese of Toronto has followed the Government of Ontario's Covid-19 guidance throughout the pandemic. The provincial government has announced the end of public masking requirements effective Monday, March 21, 2022. For the sake of the health and safety of the Clergy Team, volunteers and all the faithful, Father Deng encourages all to continue wearing masks inside the church areas.**

**The Church Reopening Directives will be updated on a regular basis.  
Please stay tuned for updated information on CMCC website.**