

Protocols for reopening St. Peter's Catholic Church

St. Peter's Catholic Church will be reopening on May 30, 2020 for daily Mass. The following are the protocols for choosing the Mass you will attend going forward. **Please read these carefully all the way through** and share these protocols with parishioners you know who do not have email.

Directives from the Diocese of Victoria

1. Bishop Gary will continue live streaming his daily Mass 7pm weekdays and 10:00am Sunday and if you are over the age of 65 and/or have an underlying health condition it is still recommended that you stay home.
2. Parishioners in the Diocese of Victoria remain dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass during this initial re-opening phase.
3. Bishop Gary has stated that individuals may attend weekday Mass in lieu of Sunday.
4. All those attending Mass do so at their own risk and must take responsibility for protecting themselves and others. Individuals may consider the option of wearing a mask.
5. Individuals must stay home if they show any symptoms of COVID-19, or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19.
6. All gatherings are limited to a **50-person** maximum including the pastor.

Registering for Mass

Please note that all decisions have been made by the St. Peter's Parish Council and are according to the established Diocesan and Provincial Guidelines.

1. In order to attend Mass you **must pre-register**. This allows us to control the number of participants and to create a small Church Community of which you will become a part.
2. Once you have registered yourself and your family, you must always attend the same Mass from week to week. **You may only attend one Mass** and only the Mass for which you have registered. If you arrive at a Mass for which you did not register, you will kindly be asked to leave.
3. Please be mindful when registering that there are many parishioners who work Monday to Friday and may not be able to attend a weekday Mass. **This is a time when we can practice charity towards others.**

Pre-registration begins Thursday May 28, 2020 at 10:00am

1. You must decide which Mass you would like to attend (see below for the days and times). Since the Sunday Masses are the most popular, we encourage parishioners to consider a weekday Mass in order to lower the Sunday numbers.
2. Beginning 10:00am Thursday May 28, 2020 you can pre-register online on the Home page of our website at www.stpetersnanaimo.ca (please **do not** email the office to register)
3. You are only registered when you have received an email from Eventbrite confirming your registration (check your junk mail) and if possible please print out your ticket or write down your **order number** and bring it with you to Mass.
4. If you can register online we strongly suggest you do so, however if you cannot you may also register by calling the office at 250-753-3570 only during office hours (10:00am – 4:00pm). If there is no answer, please leave a message. Speak clearly, say your full name, the number of people in your group and their names, which Mass time you have chosen and be sure to leave your phone number in case that Mass is full.

Once you have pre-registered, you will not have to do it again. Your name will be on the list for the Mass that you have chosen to attend every week.

You must be pre-registered no later than **9 PM on Friday, May 29th.**

Protocols on the day of Mass

1. Once you arrive at St. Peter's and park your vehicle, please proceed to the main doors of the church. Please remember to keep your distance from others.
2. A person will be there with a clipboard with the list for the Mass, you must check in with that person. **Make sure you have your order/confirmation number.**
3. There will be a collection box on the table.
4. Father Claudio will be taking confessions ½ hour before the scheduled Mass
5. Proceed to a seat and practice social distancing there will be ⚔'s marked on the pews for individuals or families to sit. This may be the first time that you will see friends and fellow parishioners in many weeks. Please remember, that this is not the place to socialize. As difficult as that will be, please keep your social distance.
6. Fr. Claudio will serve Communion behind plexiglass. You will be able receive Communion in your hand from the opening at the bottom of the glass.

7. Once Mass is over you are encouraged to return to your vehicle promptly.

This is only the beginning and we may hit some bumps along the way. We have many more decisions to make so please be patient. We look forward to seeing everyone!

Mass Days and Times

Saturday

4:00PM

5:30PM

Sunday

8:30AM

10:30AM

7:00PM

Monday

8:00AM

Tuesday

7:00PM

Wednesday

8:00AM

Thursday

8:00AM

Friday

7:00PM

***Our Lady of Victory on Gabriola Island**

Sunday

2:00pm

*please note this Mass is for Our Lady of Victory Parishioners only