

Sacred Heart

WILLIAMS LAKE

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Dear Parishioners,

Once again I am moved to write you regarding restrictions due to Covid.

As I am firmly against any unwanted intrusion into your private health conditions, while at the same time bound to follow new capacity restrictions, I have decided to increase the number of Sunday Masses. As of this coming weekend, the second Sunday in our Advent Season, I am prepared to offer a second Sunday morning Mass at 11am. My intention and anticipation is that some who regularly attend the 9:30am Mass will choose to attend the 11am Mass, thus allowing us to stay around the 50% capacity limit.

Thus the weekend schedule is as follows:

Saturday Evening	5pm
Sunday Morning	9:30am
	11am ← New Mass time
Sunday Evening	7pm

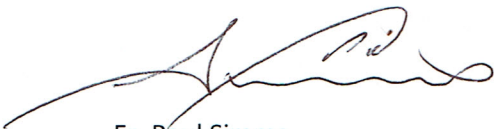
Should there be need to make adjustments in the following weeks we will do so.

I am also asking that all those who attend Mass please wear a mask. Our bishop, who has the authority to regulate the celebration of the sacraments in our diocese, has asked us to do so, and whether one agrees or not, we are all bound by obedience to follow this directive.

With regards to Christmas, I have a tentative schedule in mind, but will wait a little longer before publishing it. Regardless of times, there will be Christmas Masses and the opportunity to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Finally, I want to acknowledge that all of us are tired of these restrictions. No one is happy that this seemingly endless intrusion into our lives and worship is happening. Nonetheless, there is still nothing preventing us from being saints at this time and witnessing to the beauty of our Faith. As we light up our houses with various lights this season may we also be mindful of keeping the flame of Charity alive in our hearts, loving God and our neighbour in our thoughts, words and actions.

In Christ,



Fr. Paul Simms
Pastor