

Effective Wed., May 5

MAXIMUM IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE AT MASS IS NOW LIMITED TO

15 attendees



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The following are expanded restrictions that affect faith gatherings and outdoor social gatherings announced by Premier Jason Kenney which takes effect on **Wednesday, May 5, 2021**. These restrictions will be in place for at least three (3) weeks and may be extended by the government if deemed necessary.

- Faith services are limited to 15 in-person attendees.
- 10-people maximum for funerals, including participants and guests.
- All outdoor social gatherings must be limited to no more than 5 people and a maximum of 2 household cohorts.

To promote uniformity, unity, and to avoid confusion, these restrictions will be in effect in all of the parishes of the Diocese of Calgary regardless of regions and number of cases in regions.

Weekday and Sunday Mass

- In-person attendees limited to 15 people.
- At this time, the interpretation is that the priest is not to be counted as one of the 15. Everyone else is included in the 15.
- Concelebration is temporarily not allowed.
- The Diocese advises that we do not provide any music and/or cantoring at any of the Masses to allow for more of the parishioners to be able to attend.
- The difficulty will be in determining who of those registered will be considered the 15 attendees. The most fair method may be the “first come, first serve” method at least for these first few days until parishes have more time to devise a fair and just method.
- The parish may also consider encouraging parishioners to only attend one Mass in the next three weeks to give others the chance to attend Mass in person.
- The parishes are encouraged to livestream Masses for the sake of those who are not able to attend Mass in person.

Funeral Mass

- 10-people maximum for funerals, including participants and guests.
- The Diocese of Calgary interprets this to mean that the priest and funeral directors are not counted as participants and guests.
- Concelebration is temporarily not allowed.
- Limit to 1 musician and 1 cantor.
- It is advised that parishes contact the funeral director for assistance in informing the family of these changes for the upcoming funeral Masses this week and to manage attendance.
- It is also advised that one of the funeral directors serve as the Point-of-Entry person to manage the door and contact tracing.
- The parish or the funeral home is encouraged to livestream the funeral Mass for the relatives and friends who will be unable to attend in person.