REDUCED CAPACITY AT ALL MASSES

The restrictions imposed due to the health emergency on Wednesday, September 15 caught the University community by surprise; all in-person activities were either cancelled or moved online until the following Monday. My apologies to anyone who was blindsided by the cancellation of in-person masses at SJC.

The bottom line is that we now have to enforce social distancing at all masses. People from different households have to be 2 metres apart, and the capacity of the chapel is capped at 40. The geometry of the chapel allows up to 24 distanced individuals, with only two unrelated people per pew. However, you can bring your whole family (if they fit in one pew) by signing up for two slots.

All registered parishioners should have received an email giving a link to the signup form. If you sign up for mass one weekend, we ask that you wait a few days to sign up the following week, so everyone has a chance.

Forms are in the lobby (on the top of the pamphlet pillar where the coat rack is), or you can find it on the SJC website.

PENITENTIAL VIGIL FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

There will be a vigil on September 29 at 7:00 pm in the College Chapel. Seating is extremely limited due to social distancing requirements. The prayer vigil will be streamed. Email Fr. Jim at jim.stenberg@ualberta.ca to receive a signup link. Subscribe to SJC social media for the Zoom link.

CONTENT WARNING: Texts from the Truth and Reconciliation Committee Final Report will be read. The material may be disturbing to some listeners.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS RETREAT

Fr. Kevin Storey CSB, the Superior General of the Basilian Fathers, addressed the SJC board of governors during their retreat. (Remotely, of course). Fr. Storey remarked afterwards, “I was very impressed by the Board at SJC, a lot of talent and commitment!”
MARRIAGE PREP AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Life goes on, even during a pandemic. Holy Trinity Church is offering a marriage preparation course on October 16, 23 & 24, 2021, 9 a.m. -3:30 p.m. each day.

The cost of the course is $200 and includes materials and lunches. There are registration forms on the parish website at https://www.trinitycatholic.net/marriage/

You can also call the office for more information, 780-960-0135.

DAILY MASS CONTINUES

We are still celebrating daily mass Monday to Thursday, in the main chapel. We are using the main chapel because there is more space for social distancing and better ventilation (Kateri chapel has no windows.)

Social distancing requirements haven’t been a problem; between 3 and 11 people usually show up, so there is room for at least 10 more.

The hours are as in the before times: MW at 12:10pm, and TR at 12:30pm.

MORNING PRAYER

Morning prayer is in-person in the SJC chapel at 9 am on Tuesdays and 10 am on Thursdays. It is socially distanced, but there is lots of room in the chapel. You can also log on through Zoom. Meeting ID: 816 3867 1687. Passcode: HolySpirit

PASTORAL LETTER RE MANDATORY COVID-19 VACCINATION

Please refer to the bulletin board for a letter from Archbishop Smith on the topic of mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations. The bishops of Canada hold that vaccination is morally permissible, and so priests should not support requests for exemptions on religious grounds. Catholics who obtain religious exemptions anyway are still obliged to take measures to safeguard their health and the health of others.

AT A GLANCE...

Sun, 7:00 pm: The student mass will be celebrated in both the Chapel and the Newman Centre to ensure a majority of students may attend.

Tues, 9 am: Morning Prayer (SJC chapel and online)

Wed, 12-1 pm: Alpha

Thurs, 10 am: Morning Prayer (SJC Chapel and online)
  7:00 pm: AA (Boardroom)
  7:15 pm: Adoration (SJC Chapel)

Email jim.stenberg@ualberta.ca for more information. Or sjccm@ualberta.ca for campus ministry events.

Go to st-joes.formed.org to log in to our FORMED account (“Netflix for Catholics”)

For pre-authorized giving, email elsie.liu@ualberta.ca

To check out the website, type the following in your browser: ualberta.ca/stjosephs

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BAPTISM

Contact the SJC Chaplain at least 2 months prior to date of Baptism.

MARRIAGE

Contact the SJC Chaplain at least 1 year prior to date of Marriage.

SACRAMENTS

For other sacraments, please contact the SJC Chaplain.