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### **UPDATE ON PANDEMIC RESTRICTIONS**

My Dear Parishioners:

On this Christmas Eve, I want to share with you a special message. As I reflect on this past year, I'm filled with gratitude for your compassion and commitment to your Parish. On behalf of Sheila in the parish office and myself, we wish you and your loved ones a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year!

As you may know the Province of Ontario will enter into the Grey Zone (Lockdown) as of 12:01am on December 26, 2020 as part of the COVID19 control response and will remain in lockdown until further notice. The Parish of St. Joseph's in Beaverton which includes St. Anthony's Mission church will move into Phase One as part of this lockdown. This means that all Public Masses will be temporarily cancelled. I will continue to provide spiritual and pastoral care for the community.

Messages left at the office will be replied to as soon as possible and all emails will be managed in a timely fashion.

We appreciate your continued financial support, if you wish to make a donation even though we are in lockdown, you may e-transfer the parish office at [st.joseph.church@rogers.com](mailto:st.joseph.church@rogers.com) or call the office to arrange a suitable time to drop off your donation.

Please remember that Cardinal Collins has extended the dispensation for physical attendance at Sunday Mass. So for our seniors and those who have any illness that may have compromised their immune system they could watch the televised Masses by the diocese or any other medium of choice.

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My dear parishioners, although we have to close our beautiful church buildings once again for a little while. . . we are a Christian community and we will continue to share our faith and stay in touch with one another. We are being called to take our Christian Discipleship to the next level, and I am fully confident that we, St Joseph's Catholic Christians will rise to the occasion.

Please stay safe and healthy and have a very Merry Christmas!

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Oswin Fernandes