

# St. Joseph's Parish

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## UPDATE ~ COVID ~19

### A Message from Cardinal Collins ~ February 10, 2021

"The province is moving out of the "state of emergency" and reverting back to regional restrictions, using the colour-coded framework, similar to what was done before the province-wide lockdown. To be clear, the situation remains serious with new variants of Covid-19 present in Ontario, spreading quickly throughout the community.

At the time of this communication, the province has not announced the restrictions or colour-coded designations for regions of the Archdiocese of Toronto. I also recognize that with Ash Wednesday a week away, there is a need for additional direction regarding the path forward. Based on the latest information, we can anticipate the following:

#### Toronto, Peel & York Regions ~ St. Anthony's Mission Church

These regions will not be returning to the provincial framework until February 22, 2021.

#### Durham, Simcoe & Orangeville ~ St. Joseph's Church

These regions will be returning to the provincial framework on February 16, 2021. We anticipate these areas will either be in the Grey (Lockdown) or Red (Control) zone. If a region is in the Grey zone, the current restrictions (no more than 10 inside the church) remain in effect. If the area is placed into the Red zone, the 30% capacity restriction for places of worship will be employed.

An additional challenge is that the province has indicated it may be the end of the week or even early next week before they make an announcement regarding the classification of these regions.

I very much recognize the fluid nature of the situation and appreciate your patience through these challenging days. We will continue to keep you updated as information becomes available. Thank you for all you do to support your parish!"

Thomas Cardinal Collins  
Archbishop of Toronto