

# Catholic Parishes of Onaping Falls and Cartier

30 Church Street  
Box 650  
Levack, Ontario  
P0M 2C0



Telephone: (705) 966-3762

Fax: (705-966-0820)

e-mail / courriel: [catholicp4@eastlink.ca](mailto:catholicp4@eastlink.ca)

Fr. Joseph Ogah 705-920-1514

Newsletter for the week of January 17<sup>th</sup> 2021

*Please Note: The office is closed to the public until February 11<sup>th</sup>.*

I have attached a press release from the Diocese at the end of this newsletter.

All masses are cancelled starting Saturday January 16<sup>th</sup> to February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

*If you need assistance, please leave me a message and I will get back to you on the next day that I am in the office.*

*If you have an urgent matter, please call Fr. Joseph. His cell number can be found at the top of this newsletter.*

## Five Things of which to be mindful

**A GENERAL DISPENSATION FROM THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION WILL REMAIN.** The dispensation for the obligation to attend Mass will remain in effect. Because of this, the live-streaming of Masses will continue for those who are not able to attend at their churches/parish.

**Attendance will be limited.** The maximum capacity of each church is reduced to 30% fire code capacity, or fewer if required to ensure physical distancing.

**Physical Distancing must be consistently practiced.** Expect that your parish church will have pews/rows that are sectioned off, and that family groups and individuals will be asked to keep at least two meters (six feet) distance from each other. Wear a mask to Mass to guard against germ spread. Anyone presenting symptoms of illness or who have travelled out of country in the past 14 days is directed to stay home.

**Liturgical changes will be in place.** Similar to protocols established when churches were closing, extra precautions will be taken. Temporary adjustments will be made with respect to how we celebrate Mass and receive Holy Communion.

**There still will be a risk for anyone who attends a public Mass.** Even with best health practices and strict physical distancing, anyone who enters a public space should recognize there is a risk of contracting the corona virus. Improved cleaning will occur in our churches, but no one should expect that they will be any safer from germs than in other public spaces.

**The following masses will be celebrated privately by Fr. Joseph.**

### **St. Bartholomew/ Levack**

Sunday January 17<sup>th</sup> 9:45am – Pete Laroche by Danny & Louise

Sunday January 24<sup>th</sup> 9:45 am – For the People

### **St. Francis Xavier/ Cartier**

Sunday January 17<sup>th</sup> 8:30am – For the People

Thursday January 21<sup>st</sup> 9 am – Souls in Purgatory by Jeff & Sandy

The Catholic Parishes would like to thank the parishioners who have continued to make their weekly donations. Your continued support and generosity during this very difficult time is truly appreciated!

**Donations January 10<sup>th</sup> 2021**

Church envelopes (white)	\$ 305.00
Loose	\$ 40.00
Renos	\$ 160.00
HOP	\$ 40.00
Initial Offering	\$ 15.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 75.00
Solemnity of Mary	<u>\$ 30.00</u>

**Total Deposit \$ 665.00**

***If any gifting imposes a level of hardship of any kind whatsoever, please do not donate.***

If you are able to donate during this time, please consider one of the suggested gifting methods for your current weekly donation:

- 1) dropping your envelope into the parish mail slot
- 2) forwarding to the parish, by local mail, a series of post-dated cheques and Sunday envelopes.
- 3) Signing up for a **PADP** - pre-authorized donation program (contact office for the form)



**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AT HOME, HOSPITAL OR NURSING HOME**

Paisley Amyotte	Tina Benoit	Blake Bond	Roland Chouinard
John Dupuis	Wendy Fougere	Jim Golden	Greg Grant
Helen Hickey	Colleen Huskinson		Betty Leschishin
Dianne Luttrell	Keith MacDonald	Joe MacDonald	Chris & Gerry Marcotte
Raymonde Matte	Doug McMahon	Mary Nowak	Vivian O'Bumsawin
Richard (Bub) Pellerin	Rheal Poirier	Kathleen (O'Shell) Robbie	
Pauline Sauve	Ed Serson	Roberta Tracanelli	Denis Vallieres
Bonnie Vellows			

**If anyone's name should be added or taken off the list, please call the office.**

Below, I have attached the press release from the Diocese.  
There is an English copy as well as a French copy.

## Press Release

Effective today, January 16th, 2021, until the end of the Stay at Home order, the Bishop of the Diocese of Sault Ste-Marie, Thomas Dowd, has asked that all public celebrations of the Mass in the churches of the Diocese be suspended in order to permit all diocesan parishioners to comply with the provincial Stay at Home directives.

"I know this is a huge sacrifice for our people. This difficult decision was made after consulting with the public health authorities as well as our diocesan College of consultors and regional leaders," Bishop Dowd explained. "We want to do our part to help protect the public."

Bishop Dowd noted that the government decree does allow for church gatherings in limited circumstances. Other worship services, such as baptisms and confession, can continue. "The priests are also still encouraged to celebrate masses for broadcast from within their churches, whether online or via FM radio," said Bishop Dowd.

"The pastoral care of the people of our diocese must continue despite the stay at home order. Parishes are exhorted to continue to provide, via telephone or online means, services such as pastoral counselling, catechism, times of fellowship and faith sharing, pastoral visits and outreach, opportunities to pray together, and so on."

These directives are subject to modification as the public health situation evolves.

The full text of the decree of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie can be found attached to this press release, as well as on the diocesan website. Requests for interviews may be made via email to [j.vezina@ssmd.ca](mailto:j.vezina@ssmd.ca).

## COMMUNIQUÉ DE PRESSE

À compter d'aujourd'hui, le 16 janvier 2021, jusqu'à la fin du décret de demeurer à domicile, l'évêque du Diocèse de Sault Ste-Marie, Thomas Dowd, a demandé que toutes les célébrations publiques de la messe dans les églises du diocèse soient temporairement annulées afin de permettre à tous les paroissiens diocésains de se conformer au décret provincial de demeurer à domicile.

“Je sais que c'est un sacrifice énorme pour nos gens. Cette décision difficile a été prise après consultation auprès des autorités de la santé publique ainsi que notre collègue des consultants et les leaders des régions diocésaines,” explique Mgr Dowd. “Nous voulons faire notre part pour protéger la population.”

Mgr Dowd souligne que le décret gouvernemental permet les rassemblements religieux dans des circonstances limitées. D'autres services religieux, tels les baptêmes et la confession, peuvent continuer. “J'encourage les prêtres à célébrer les messes diffusées à partir de leurs églises, soit en ligne ou via la radio FM”, affirme Mgr Dowd.

“Le soin pastoral de nos diocésains doit continuer malgré l'ordonnance les obligeant à demeurer chez-eux. J'exhorte les paroisses à fournir, via téléphone ou par des moyens électroniques, les services tels le counseling pastoral, le catéchisme, les moments de partage de foi et de fraternité, les visites pastorales, les occasions de prier ensemble, etc.”

Ces directives seront modifiées au fur et à mesure que la situation de santé publique évoluera.

Vous trouverez le texte complet du décret du Diocèse de Sault Ste-Marie en pièce jointe à ce communiqué de presse, ainsi que sur le site web diocésain. Toute demande d'entrevue doit être présentée par courriel à [j.vezina@ssmd.ca](mailto:j.vezina@ssmd.ca).