



Diocese of Kamloops
BISHOP'S OFFICE

Memorial of St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church
October 15, 2021

Dear Clergy, Religious and Faithful of the Diocese of Kamloops,

On Thursday, October 14th announcements were made by the Province of British Columbia and the Provincial Health Officer, that additional health measures have been introduced to stop the COVID-19 spread and to protect health services for the Northern Health Regions. These measures will remain in place until November 19th midnight and may be subject to extension if cases remain high and vaccination rates remain low. **The parishes that are affected by this most recent order are St. Ann's, Quesnel & Good Shepherd, Valemount and the Missions they serve.**

The following is a Northern Health Order:

- All Worship services are required to be held Virtually (no in-person gatherings in the church)
- Proof of Vaccination will be required to enter the following: Social gatherings and/or events with 50 or more people.
- For information on how each organization can [verify proof of vaccination click here](#).

The PHO continues to advise and encourage vaccinations, to wear a mask, and have a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place (hand sanitization station, practice routine cleaning and disinfection of areas, respect others by social distancing, stay home if you are sick, and get tested). [Guidelines for faith-based organizations](#) to keep your congregation and community members safe.

For current and provincial restrictions and your local Health Authority please see the following links. <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/info/restrictions>; <https://news.interiorhealth.ca/news/provincial-and-regional-restrictions/> and <https://www.northernhealth.ca/health-topics/covid-19-information#testing-and-results#trusted-info#northern-health>

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I am very grateful to all Priests, Parish Staff, Volunteers and Parishioners for your patience and understanding. As we navigate through the weeks and months ahead, I ask for your continued support and efforts to provide a safe and healthy environment to all those entrusted to our care.

May the Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Joseph, and St. John Vianney continue to protect us and accompany us through this challenging time.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



✠ Joseph Phuong Nguyen
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