



ARCHDIOCESE *of* KINGSTON

Provincewide Shutdown

While the province is shutdown, the following directives will take effect on Saturday, 26 December 2020 until Saturday, 23 January 2021. The shutdown is scheduled to end on the 23rd of January; however, it could be extended.

- Parishes must restrict attendance inside the church to 10 people and with all other safety and cleaning protocols in place.
- Weddings and Baptisms may be celebrated under provincial occupancy restriction; a maximum of 10 people, including the priest, must be observed.
- Priests should continue to celebrate Mass privately, if they are not celebrating Mass publicly.
- Funeral wakes or services may also be held in the church with the same restrictions.
- Priests may hear Confessions, by appointment or in the church, provided gathering restrictions of a maximum of 10 people, including the priest, are observed.
- Parish offices are to close, and employees are asked to work from home. Employees may enter offices and churches to carry out essential duties only.
- Events in parish halls and meeting areas should be cancelled unless they are deemed an essential service (e.g., Alcoholics Anonymous).
- Priests and Deacons may preside at outdoor burial services but must obey gathering restrictions of a maximum of 10 people including the clergy.
- All regular meetings and social activities in parishes are cancelled. Sacramental preparation can continue online.

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