**“Lockdown” - Moving to 10 person capacity - December 14, 2020 at 12:01 AM**

I wish to thank all our parishioners for their ongoing support during this period of great uncertainty. It has been wonderful to see so many of you at Mass since we re-opened in June. We are especially grateful to the volunteers who have helped ensure our church is a safe place to gather – they have done incredible work!

As you know, the number of new COVID-19 cases in the GTA has increased significantly in recent days and, at present, Toronto and Peel Regions are in the “Lockdown Stage” as identified by the Province of Ontario**. In addition, Premier Ford announced on December 11, 2020 special emergency measures that need to be taken in York region**.

For this reason, **as of Monday, December 14** **, public Masses must be temporarily cancelled.** I will continue to celebrate private Mass daily for the intentions of parishioners and for those suffering from Covid-19.

While it is not a substitute for attending Mass in person, I encourage you to [livestream](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9lj9qPj6GMkn1dpxH_GrVg) our Masses:

Daily Masses: Mondays and Thursdays at 8:30 AM; Wednesdays and Fridays at 7PM).

WeekendMasses: Saturdays at 5 PM; Sundays at 9 AM.

Mass intentions for the 12:30 PM will be included with 9 AM Mass intentions.

**OFFICE HOURS:** Our staff will be working remotely, wherever possible.

**The Parish Office will be open on WEDNESDAYS ONLY from 9 AM to 4PM and by appointment only.**

Please be assured that staff will check email and phone messages regularly. Please feel free to leave us a message, should you need to contact us. Check [www.olqw.com](http://www.olqw.com) or the Parish App for contact information for the Pastoral Team and Parish Staff.

I recognize these measures are extremely challenging. I am also so incredibly grateful for the efforts of our heroic volunteers who have been faithfully welcoming parishioners and cleaning the church between services, ensuring that we can operate safely and responsibly. Your selflessness and generosity is inspiring!

So many of the faithful rely on the reception of the sacraments and our churches to find solace, peace and support during this period of pandemic. Despite these new restrictions, we will make every effort to continue our outreach to you. We also ask that you find opportunities to assist those who are vulnerable or alone among us.

We will continue to update you as the situation evolves.  *Updates will be posted on all our social media platforms.*

We pray that you and your loved ones remain safe and healthy. May God continue to bless you now and always!

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Jojo Kachappilly