

Calgary Diocese

St. Patrick's Church Reopening Project

March 17 2023 Announcement

St. Patrick's Church will be open for visiting and prayer March 16th, 2023, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

St. Patrick's will reopen for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass 7 pm on March 17, 2023. The celebration of the Holy Eucharist will be led by Fr Derek Remus. Our Pastor, Fr Kevin Tumback, is unavailable as he will be recovering from recent surgery.

The re-opening of St Patrick's follows the decision of an appeal to the Apostolic Signatura challenging the closure, and the subsequent guidance of the Congregation for the Clergy in the Vatican to the Diocese of Calgary. That Guidance directs the Diocese to reopen St. Patrick's for mass at least twice per year (March 17 and Sept 24) and to be open for private prayer at least on occasion. The frequency of St. Patrick's being open for private prayer is currently being determined, and will be announced once a decision is made.

Meanwhile, for transparency purposes, the following documents are being posted on the All Saints website in the Church Reopening portal, with hardcopies available on request:

- Decision of the Apostolic Signatura regarding the closure decision (in Latin)
- An unofficial translation of the above decision (in English)
- The Guidance from the Congregation for the Clergy to the Calgary Diocese

On February 1, 2023, the parish launched the Church Reopening Project team to assess the feasibility of reopening St Patrick's as per the Guidance, and to determine which civic approvals were required to reopen the church safely for mass twice per year and for private prayer on occasion. Due to the fact that the church has remained heated and inspected almost daily for the past twelve years, the Church Reopening Team was able to move swiftly to obtain the necessary inspections and approvals from civic authorities as well as our insurer. Minor renovations and cleaning were required but no major capital outlay was incurred to reopen the church as per the Guidance. Major capital outlay was averted for elevator replacement costs as the civic authorities determined the church could reopen for brief periods without a working elevator.

Inspection reports will be posted on the All Saints website once approval to do so has been received from the issuing authorities.

Please join me in thanking our local Church Reopening Team (Mike Roberts, Ed Nedza, Andy Gruninger, and Larry Konopski) for their exemplary efforts.

Fr Kevin Tumback

Pastor, All Saints Parish