

3. Religious Services

Religious Services – which include Divine Liturgy, Other Liturgical Services, Baptism, Faith Instruction sessions, Retreats, Catechism programs, Bible Studies, Praying of Moleben's, the Rosary, Adoration, etc, - besides adhering to all pandemic safety measures, may only occur with the participation of numbers of people that do not exceed 30% of the capacity of the church or facility.

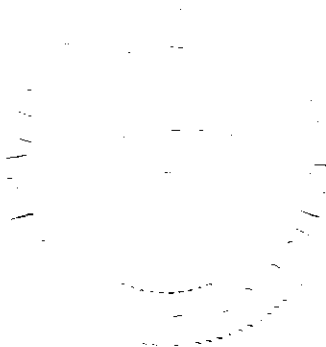
4. Weddings and Funerals

Within the territory of the city of Winnipeg and outlying "Capital Region", due to Orange Zone status, gatherings for the above mentioned "Religious Services" may be conducted as described above. However, for various reasons (including the gathering together of individuals that do not necessarily associate frequently and/or may not fully be in command of their emotions at these events), weddings and funerals are designated as "public gatherings", which would normally reduce the numbers to only 5 persons.

The number of participants at a wedding or funeral, however, may be increased up to the abovementioned 30% capacity if....

1. the number of persons attending does *not* exceed 30 % of the usual capacity of the church
2. the church is physically divided into separate areas contain 'cohorts' of no more than five persons each from the same household, and
3. the person or persons in each area are do not come into close proximity with persons in another area during the entire gathering - including entering and leaving.

* This means that for a parish to have a wedding or funeral *service*, it must ensure that no co-mingling between groups can occur. Proper physical distancing must be maintained at all times. Clear signs should be posted and/or clear instructions given and at least some ushers available to help guide the participants. It is important that the parish to seriously examines its ability to safely accommodate separate sub-groups for such extraordinary services as weddings and funerals.



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