



Basilique Notre-Dame de Montréal



Cimetière Notre-Dame-des-Neiges

Press release  
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Montreal, March 17, 2020 - Following the various measures decreed by the Government of Quebec over the past few days to limit the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus, in particular those concerning the closure of all establishments that promote non-essential public gatherings, the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Québec announced on March 15 that it "now encourages the cancellation of all celebrations and all public activities in the churches of Quebec". This includes the postponement of baptism, marriage or funeral celebrations. The message also indicates that the faithful must understand that older priests will not be available for pastoral service during this period of confinement.

In order to comply with these recommendations, **La Fabrique de la paroisse Notre-Dame de Montréal is canceling all religious celebrations and Masses scheduled at Notre-Dame basilica and Notre-Dame-du-Sacré-Cœur chapel, as well as those scheduled at the Notre-Dame-de-la-Résurrection chapel of the Notre-Dame-des-Neiges cemetery.** During this period, we will suggest that families postpone the baptism, marriage or funeral celebrations. Given the importance and the need to maintain certain services having an impact on public health and safety, the **Notre-Dame-des-Neiges cemetery will continue to receive the remains of the deceased and to provide families with its cremation, burial, and related religious services, while limiting participants to members of the deceased's immediate family.** Adjustments will be made as necessary according to new directives that will be issued.

La Fabrique de la paroisse Notre-Dame de Montréal hopes for the understanding and collaboration of all its customers, faithful and parishioners in this important collective effort.

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