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MEMO

Date: December 22, 2021
To: Clergy, Parishes, Religious, and Staff
From: Bishop Gary Gordon
Re: Impact of new restrictions on worship services and other church gatherings

As announced yesterday, the BC government has put in place new restrictions to help slow the spread of COVID-19. **These restrictions do not impact worship services.**

The *General and Liturgical Directives* and *Music Ministry COVID-19 Prevention Plan* dated December 7, 2021 (available at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/responsetocovid19-0>) remain in effect, with the exception of Section 6 of the Directives – *Meetings, Events and Receptions*. As the restrictions announced on December 21, 2021 include a ban on indoor organized gatherings of any size until January 18, 2022, **non-essential non-worship gatherings in church buildings are not permitted until January 18, 2022.**

May the Christ Child bless us and keep us healthy and safe during the Christmas Season and in the days to come.