## NIIGATA CATHOLIC CHURCH INFORMATION (February 2022)

Events and Activities:

- \*Sunday, February 6th
- •English Mass 12:00 noon

(Cleaning of the restrooms in/outside the parish hall after the Mass)

- \*Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> Ash Wednesday / Day of Fasting and Abstinence
- •Mass 10:00 am
- \*Sunday, March 6th
- •English Mass 12:00 noon

(Cleaning of the restrooms in/outside the parish hall after the Mass)

Please check the Church website for the latest information as the schedules may be subject to change.

URL: http://cathedral-niigata.jp

Please read the distributed document, *Reflections on the Synod questions and the priorities of the Diocese.* The reflections will be conducted by each parish and religious community, but if you are unable to give your opinion as a part of your community, please send your answers directly to the diocesan chancellor, Fr. Koichi Otaki, through the QR code attached below by March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. This questionnaire is for the faithful who are living in the Diocese of Niigata. Thank you.

## Announcements:

- 1) Please bring to the church the blessed palm leaves that were provided last year on Palm Sunday. They will be used to make ashes for the coming Ash Wednesday on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please put them in the prepared box at the cathedral between January 30<sup>th</sup> and February 27<sup>th</sup>.
- 2) As a precautionary measure due to the spread of the Covid-19 in Niigata, please fill out the participant paper placed on the chair (date, your name, respective parish and phone number). Please write carefully and legibly. This will be used only in order to contact you if anyone is confirmed as PCR-positive. Please fill out the paper every time you attend Mass. One paper should be filled out by each person in attendance with the exception of children up to age six, which can be included with an adult's paper. In addition, if you are confirmed positive, please kindly notify Fr. Raul or Fr. Lorenzo.
- 3) The following are required during the resumption of Masses with the congregation.
  - Please wear a face mask before you enter the church compound. Face masks should be worn throughout the celebration of the Mass and should be worn properly covering both the mouth and nose completely.
  - Please sanitize your hands when entering and leaving the church.
  - Please sit where you are assigned and maintain at least 1 meter of social distance from others at all times while in the church.
  - For now, Holy Communion will only be given in your hands.
- 4) After the English Mass, the tea room will be closed for the time being.