NIIGATA CATHOLIC CHURCH INFORMATION (March 2022)

Events and Activities:

- *The Stations of the Cross is prayed after the 10:00 am Mass on Fridays during Lent.
- *March 19th is Fr. Lorenzo's name day (the Feast of St. Joseph). Let us pray for him with gratitude.

*Sunday, Mach 6th

•English Mass

- 12:00 noon

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

*Sunday, April 3rd

•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 here by March 22nd, 2022. This questionnaire is for the faithful who are living in the Diocese of Niigata.

Announcements:

1) The 2022 Lenten recollection will be held on April 2nd (Sat) and April 3rd (Sun) with Fr. Koichi Otaki. The schedule is as follows:

Saturday, April 2nd T

Talk

Confession

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Sunday, April 3rd

Talk

9:00 am - 9:25 am

Sunday Mass

9:30 p

 $4:00 \, \text{pm} -$

We are encouraged to make a confession during the Lenten season. Confession is available other than the schedule mentioned above. Please make an appointment with Fr. Raul or Fr. Lorenzo before coming to the church.

- 2) As a precautionary measure due to the spread of the Covid-19 in Niigata, please fill out the participant sheet 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 sheet every time you attend Mass. One sheet 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 sheet. 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 1.5 to 2 meters 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.