



HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH

950 Old Kingston Mills Road, Kingston, Ontario, K7L 5H6

March 25, 2020

RE: Impact of the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 on our Parish

Dear Parishioners:

In the context of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 epidemic, I am mostly preoccupied with the health and well-being of the parishioners of Holy Name of Jesus Parish and I pray that the Lord protects us all and very particularly those of us who are vulnerable or who care for the sick.

I want to assure you that our parish is carefully following the Liturgical Protocol put into effect by the Archdiocese of Kingston to minimize the risk of infection through our liturgical practices. The Archdiocese remains vigilant—to that effect, it obtains information daily from the local, provincial and federal health authorities.

As the situation evolves, the Archdiocese of Kingston, in consultation with other dioceses, reviews its protocol. For information on the measures the Archdiocese has taken and to find inspiration in the spiritual guidance resources it suggests to us, we invite you to regularly visit its website at www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca and to subscribe to its electronic Newsletter "Weekly News Bulletin" by sending a request to Elisabeth Santos, at reception@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca

At the parish level, we would also like to stay in close communication with you by sending you our parish bulletin, amongst other things. ***If the parish does not have your email address, please send it to the Parish Secretary,***

Christine, (holynamekingston@gmail.com), so that we can include you on our distribution list. We also invite you to share your current telephone number with us. As much as possible, we will also share information with you on our website (holyname.ca).

I have the delicate task of addressing the question of the financial impact of the suspension of Sunday Liturgies because of the pandemic. As you well know, our parish relies enormously on the Sunday collection to pay its expenses. Furthermore, our other sources of revenue are not possible at this time.

I understand that we are living in a time of crisis and we are all touched in one way or another by COVID-19. In prayer, we invite you to evaluate how you can continue to financially support our parish to ensure that it can carry on—maybe some of you will be able to do a little bit more while others need to scale back. In total, the parish needs an approximate revenue of \$3,020.00 per week to pay its expenses.

You can do your part in one of two ways:

- a) By mailing cheques to the following address: Holy Name of Jesus,
950 Old Kingston Mills Rd. Kingston, ON K7L 5H6

- b) By depositing your donation at the parish office according to the following schedule: Tuesday to Friday from 9 am to 3 pm you may leave between the doors at the office entrance or deposit in the church mailbox (right across the road from the church entrance). Do not leave cash unless you have made arrangements for Christine to pick up the envelope immediately after you leave it.)

- c) Contact the parish office if you have any questions, or special needs. You can reach us by phone at 613-546-0418 or email holynamekingston@gmail.com. (For example, a volunteer could pick up a donation envelope left by an elderly parishioner in his or her mailbox.)

Dear Parishioners, let us continue to practise solidarity during these trying times and participate in our own way in the healing ministry of Christ.

Sincere thanks for your attention in this matter and please know that my prayers are with you.

Yours in Christ

Fr. Wes Chochrek

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