



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I pray this finds you all well and safe in your homes. Again we have been shut down and are not permitted to have in person gatherings including worship. We will however continue to record morning prayer and post it to the website and You Tube. We will stay connected while we are physically distanced once again.

The “stay-at -home” order was included so that we would avoid as much travel as possible, with as little movement as possible outside our homes. This order was put in place to stop the spread of the coronavirus and its variants, to keep people safe and to protect lives. The variants are mutating rapidly and having a greater impact on young people, leading many more people to contracting some form of the virus and ending up in our hospitals, which are filling to capacity – and in some cases beyond capacity.

We must respect the requirements of the Government and Health Care system, and our Bishop, while carrying on the best we can in our parishes. The directives were issued with the best intention of keeping people safe and stopping the spread of the virus. This is an act of charity and true concern for our parishioners, our neighbours, and those on the frontlines. We need to work together to do everything we can to stop the spread of the virus.

We are all making sacrifices and will miss gathering for worship and the Eucharist but let us ask ourselves what is essential for our faith? It is essential that we pray and have a relationship with God and each other, but not that we pray in a church. This can be a wonderful time to rediscover the idea of the home church by making them places of prayer where God dwells. Jesus promised that he would be with us always. He is truly present in the Eucharist but he is also present in each one of us and in our homes. Let us not forget this important “presence” in our midst.

I also want to thank those of you who expressed your heartfelt thoughts and appreciation. Words cannot express my gratitude especially during this most difficult time. As we manage the way forward in this new reality, it is our love and concern for others that will win the day.

Yours in Christ, Stay home and stay safe,

Rev. Darlene +

