



st.mark's CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MISSION STATEMENT

Go and Make Disciples

VISION

Be the face of Jesus in the world; where church matters and a relationship with Jesus Christ is central to every person

March 16, 2020

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As you have heard, with the continued spread of Covid – 19 and based on the advise of public health authorities, the Catholic Bishops of New Brunswick have decided unanimously to cease the celebrations of all Saturday evening and Sunday masses until further notice. As cases of COVID-19 increase, we are seeing a lot of anxiety and uncertainty. How will the spread of Covid -19 impact our health, safety and financial well being. We recognize that some will see their income seriously affected by the social distancing that is attempting to slow the spread of the disease. Things like traveling, going out to dinner, cutbacks in entertainment, reduced hours, or overtime all carry potential hardships for people who were already just getting by.

We are sensitive to the hardships that the measures being taken to prevent the spread of this disease may have on some people. We ask that, taking your own circumstances into account, you recognize that St Mark's need for your giving and support continues. There are various ways that you can continue to support St. Mark's with your treasures:

- Now may be an appropriate time to move to pre-authorized remittance for your regular Sunday offering. It is a safe, secure process for automatic withdrawals from your bank and gives you the flexibility of choosing weekly, bi-weekly or monthly donations. Please call Dianne at the office 849-5111 if you would like to make this change;
- If you prefer to continue to use envelopes for your donation, please consider filling your envelopes weekly and bring them with you when masses resume; and
- St. Mark's website has the option to make donations via credit or debit card.

As always continue to pray and trust in God.

In Christ,

Fr. Owen C. Burns