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13 March 2020

My Dear Faithful of the Archdiocese,

In order to bring about a sense of order and secure feelings for congregants in the Archdiocese of Kingston, I would like to appeal to your common-sense and offer a few directives around the practices of Holy Communion and church attendance in general, due to the awareness of the COVID-19 virus.

As of 13 March 2020, the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) has assessed the public health risk associated with COVID-19 as low for Canada. Public health risk is continually reassessed as new information becomes available. <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html>

The most effective means to prevent the spread of germs and viruses is frequent and complete handwashing (20 seconds). Parishes may want to make available alcohol-based hand sanitizers at the entrance of Churches, Halls, Parish Offices, and in the sacristy. Ideally, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion should purify their hands before they come to the sanctuary.

All the faithful are dispensed, until further notice, from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. People should be reminded that, as always, if they are sick, they should not be coming to Holy Mass or other events.

Later this week it was advised that gatherings should not exceed 250. Due to this new information I will be talking with the priests to implement further directives regarding the public celebration of Masses.

Please continue to pray for those who have been affected by the coronavirus, for their families and caregivers, as well as those who struggle with fear and anxiety, and for all those making decisions that affect the lives and futures of our families, communities, country, and the wider world.

Please know that I am carefully watching the situation and will continue to pray for the Lord's wisdom in this sensitive matter.

With prayerful best wishes, I remain,

+Michael Mulhall
Archbishop of Kingston

Holy Cross Parish

14 March 2020 @ 11:28 am

Dear parishioner,

With the COVID-19 virus so much in the news, earlier this week I took a survey of our extra-ordinary ministers of communion on their comfort level with various things like sharing the chalice and communion on the tongue. By Tuesday around a third responded saying they were not comfortable.

On Friday, Archbishop Michael Mulhall issued a letter to the faithful of the Archdiocese which is attached to this bulletin. He also sent emails to all the priests on 10th & 13th March with some guidelines regarding: Sign of Peace, Reception of Holy Communion, Sunday masses, funerals and weddings. He is carefully monitoring the situation and will update us of any changes. At writing of this letter, Archbishop Mulhall has not cancelled the masses this weekend.

Some of the main points in his letter to the faithful are:

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“People should be reminded that, as always, if they are sick, they should not be coming to Holy Mass or other events.”

With respect to Holy Cross Parish, after consultation with the pastoral council, I have decided the following course for the foreseeable future:

1. If an illness is breaking out in your family, it is wise for the whole family to refrain from attending Holy Mass or other events. (*note: dispensation granted to all the faithful by the bishop*).
2. Weekend masses will remain on the same schedule, however, they will be scaled down to allow people involved in various ministries, the freedom to remove themselves from duties during this period if they wish. I will be sending out a separate email to those in ministry for their response.
3. To protect you and the ministers, Communion from the cup, and the host on the tongue, will be discontinued for the time being. The host will be only distributed on the hand.
4. Hand sanitizers will be available at the various entrances to the church. (*Or if you chose bring your own*). Our extra ordinary ministers of communion are reminded to sanitize their hands before and after communion.
5. We will be limiting the number of people in the church to 250. We are also requesting that you leave personal space between parishioners and that we refrain from person-to-person contact. During the Sign of Peace, a reverent bow and a simple *“Peace be with you”* is acceptable.
6. You will notice that the Holy water font has been emptied and books and hymnals have been removed from the pews. (*The screens will have all the prayers, hymns and responses.*)
7. We will be wiping down the pews with a sanitizer between the masses – *we probably will be needing some gloved volunteers for this task.*
8. All children’s liturgy “Little Ones Word”, Coffee parties, and other gatherings, meetings and music practices are cancelled.
9. If you take a bulletin, please take it home or place in the garbage after the mass (please do not return).
10. Weekday masses is as per schedule.

Thank you for your cooperation in support of these changes. We will be frequently reassessing the situation, so these measures are subject to change as we are better able to determine the degree of threat in our area or get further instructions from the diocese or government.

As our Archbishop says *“Please continue to pray for those who have been affected by the coronavirus, for their families and caregivers, as well as those who struggle with fear and anxiety, and for all those making decisions that affect the lives and futures of our families, communities, country, and the wider world.”*

Stations of the Cross during Lent

New night! Wednesday night 6:30 to 7:00 pm in church

Followed by Mass (*Please space yourselves out in the church*)

All Small Group Sessions are Cancelled

This includes:

Monday **Homily Series** Breakout sessions

Tuesday **Prayer Group & Connect Groups**

Thursday evening 10 Paths to Holiness - **BE attitudes**.

Friday evening **Crossroads** youth group

Coins for Life 2020

Turn your small change into a BIG CHANGE and help end abortion. Put your toonies, loonies, quarters, dimes & nickels in the Coins for Life containers during the next 4-6 weeks and help create a culture of life in Canada. The Coins for Life containers will be handed out at the back of the church after all the Masses this weekend. Thank you.

Homily Series

When God Doesn't Make Sense

When we look at the world, we see evil and injustice. Bad things happen to good people and good things happen to bad people. Why does an all-good and all-powerful God, allow injustice to happen? Why doesn't he stop it? Why does God seem to be silent on prayers he should answer while answering prayers that seem insignificant? If we were God we would certainly run the world differently.

These questions are nothing new, but were experienced by many people in the bible. In this series, we will look at some of God's ways that don't seem to make sense. We'll examine what to do in the face of such questions and look at ways we can grow to understand God's perspective.



Reflection Question for this week

1. What's the thorn in your side? What have you done to remove it?
2. Have you prayed for God to remove the thorn you mentioned? If so, how? If not, why not?
3. Have you ever experienced God's grace in a special way because of an obstacle or weakness? Share the story with someone.
4. Read 2 Corinthians 12:9. What does this verse mean to you?
5. St. Paul says he is content with problems for the sake of Christ. What would it look like to accept our problems for Jesus' sake?
6. How do we know when God wants to remove our problems and we should accept them and when God has allowed them in our lives so we will depend on his grace?

FRIENDSHIP LUNCH Notice

The committee has agreed that it is prudent to **suspend the regular Friday lunch effective immediately**. This action was deemed necessary in the light of the fact that many of the diners have a health issue and most of them are senior citizens. The schedule placed our Easter dinner on April 17th. We will re-assess the situation at Easter and determine if we can safely come together for that date. There were many who expressed their support of this decision even though they will miss the regular get-togethers. Further information will be provided at a later date.

Pray for those in need of healing

To add or remove names see "prayer for the sick list" in Narthex

Elaine Anderson; Kevin Arcand; Shirley Arcand; Robert Barbe; Blakely Bell; Albinas Beres
Georgette Berube; Anne Brennan; Bernie Brennan; Doreen Bugyra; Norma Burke; Bill Corrigan
Clare Doyle; Jimmy Falsetto; Barbara Finlayson; Ryan Forbes; Jean Marc Fortin; Martin Gaudet
May Gauthier; Karen Hill; Shirley Howard; Anne Howison; Mary Hutchings; Erroll Kennedy
Gregory Langley; Jackie Leduc; Nathan Livingstone; Gerald Loughlin; Harold MacDonald
Paul Mahabir; Dolores Martin; Hilary Morey; Shawna Nickerson; Emily Nilsson; Elena Nisi
Paula Nisi; Ann Oakley; Evelyn O'Neill; Gord Payne; Ken Payne; Kevin Pearson; Fr. Brian Price
Cecile Prodonick; Heather Racine; Irma Roberge; Cyndie Roobol; Dorothy Ryan; Diane Schmitz
Maurice Seguin; Pat Shafer; Brian Telford; Jeannette Twolan; Maria Vallee; Marg Wales
Scott Walker; Keith Wheatley; Travis Wilson; Rosalie Wiseman; Betty Wright

Pray for those who have died

Liturgy Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention
14 Mar	Sat	5:00 pm	Peter Cleroux
15 Mar	Sun	9:00 am	For the People
		11:00 am	Jackie Cassidy
16 Mar	Mon	8:15 am	Deceased Brousseau family
17 Mar	Tue	No Mass Scheduled	
18 Mar	Wed	6:30 pm	Station of the Cross
		7:00 pm	Johanna Wichers
19 Mar	Thur	8:15 am	Pat Maloney
20 Mar	Fri	6:00 pm	Adoration & Confessions
		7:00 pm	Irvine Scrim & Lorraine Taylor
21 Mar	Sat	5:00 pm	Norma McManus
22 Mar	Sun	9:00 am	For the People
		11:00 am	Mafalda Falsetto

2020 BAZAAR NEWS

The 2020 Bazaar Committee is reaching out to new crochet/knitters who are interested in sharing their talents/gifts with us for the November 2020 Holy Cross Bazaar. If you have some talents in this area, think about using them to help make this year's Bazaar a great success!

**See 2020 Bazaar News Sheet
in Kiosk in the Narthex**

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