

Staying Connected as a Parish Community

May 20, 2020

Dear Parishioners of St. Ambrose,

On behalf of your Parish Pastoral Council, I would like to extend our best wishes to you and your family during this time of isolation, and we pray for your continued good health and well-being! I wanted to write to give you an update on our parish activities over the past weeks. Although the Church is closed for mass and all non-essential activities, our parish has endeavoured to maintain a strong faith community and continue to serve our parishioners in variety of ways.

Holy Week:

In order to maintain part of our Palm Sunday celebration, Palm leaves were made available outside the church. Thank you to Kathy and Mary who delivered palm leaves to parishioners who were housebound.

Phone Outreach:

A group of parish members was organized to do telephone outreach to parishioners. They call periodically to check on well being and to ensure that our family of faith remains connected during this time of isolation. Thank you all of you who have been checking in with each other! Please reach out to your parish family if you need anything.

Weekly Bulletins:

Kathy continues to publish weekly bulletins which she posts on our parish website. In addition, she has been delivering paper copies of the bulletin to some parishioners. If you would like to receive a paper bulletin please contact Kathy at the parish office (705) 842-2024.

Parish Website: <https://northshoreparishes.com/>

The parish website is being updated regularly. We hope that parishioners are finding the information and links helpful! There also a link to the "Word on Fire" daily mass so that you can participate virtually. Please check the website regularly for parish updates such as the recent Letter to the Catholic Faithful from Bishop Dampousse where he announced his new appointment.

Praying Rosaries of Hope:

As part of our discipleship during this time of anxiety and suffering, parishioners are encouraged to pray rosaries of hope. This involves “adopting” a health care worker, front line worker or sick person, and praying a Rosary of Hope each day for them. There is a video promotion on our parish webpage and Facebook page.

The Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met virtually on May 4th. We greatly appreciate all those who have found a way to continue to contribute to St. Ambrose financially! Parish expenses remain constant and your ongoing donations have made it possible to keep the church expenses paid. We have applied for a government subsidy that will pay 75% of the salary for Father Lourdu and Kathy during this time of church closure.

Covid-19 Protocol

When there is an announcement about the reopening of churches, we will receive direction from the diocese about how to proceed. We will then communicate with parishioners regarding social distancing protocols while at church.

If you have any suggestions or concerns please reach out to Father Lourdu, myself or members of your Parish Pastoral Council. PPC Members include: Marcel Baron, Yvon Belisle, Albert Bisailon, Leah Carson, Chris Kirby, Mary Landrie, Doris Lyle, and Kathy Weber. Our next PPC meeting is scheduled for June 15th, 2020 (via teleconference). We each have a role to play in our parish family, and together we can accomplish great things and continue to celebrate our faith! Take care and we look forward to the time when we can celebrate together once again.

Sincerely,

Jana Tetreault
PPC Chair