

RECTORS PASTORAL MESSAGE

My Dear Friends,

In light of our Bishop's directive given last evening, I wish to address our parish today with some further guidance as it pertains to All Saints.

Although Sunday physical gatherings for in person worship are suspended for now, I encourage you to join us online at www.allsaintsparish.ca for our pre recorded Sunday service.

The gathering around the word of God is paramount to the Christian. Our souls need constant nourishment from the scriptures and our rich Anglican liturgies certainly provide that.

Please note, that Sunday's upcoming online service was pre recorded prior to the Bishop's directive last evening. Therefore, it will not reflect the events of this. That said, as we are now about to enter Lent, we will be pre recording the Ash Wednesday Liturgy.

I encourage the parish family to watch this at 7pm on Ash Wednesday as we begin our annual penitential journey. A time when we inwardly search our hearts and look to make changes, if necessary, through scripture, prayer and grace.

I know online worship is not the same as in person. However, I would encourage you to come with thankful hearts, in that we still have this medium available to use and truly thank God for this!

Likewise, thank God that since last fall we have been able to meet in person, when many have not. We must remember how blessed we have been and hope and pray that this suspension of services is only temporary.

Also, please be aware that only the minimum number of people are permitted in pre recording, or live streaming of worship. Our parish has remained very faithful to this and will continue to do so.

Concerning finances, I would humbly ask that you continue to drop your weekly offerings in our secured drop slot, or consider e-giving set up or transfers. The parish has to continue to meet its financial needs and commitments. From the bottom of my heart, I truly thank you for this. You have been very faithful in this area.

Please know that we are here for you at anytime and that we pray for our parish and our parishioners daily. We will get through this by the grace of our heavenly Father. Remember, God is with us and will never leave nor forsake us. I will be communicating further updates from the diocese and parish as required by this evolving situation. May God bless and protect each and every one of you.

Sincerely,
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The Reverend Wayne Parsons, Rector