

March 20, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

The parish has now received communication from Archbishop Lépine that "Until further notice, public masses in church are cancelled every day of the week, as well as all pastoral and other liturgical/devotional gatherings."

St. Thomas à Becket Parish is our spiritual home, but is also an institution that still has to pay for heating, electricity, insurance, telephone, minimal salaries and upkeep of our priests. We are an active parish, but not a rich parish, and while the wardens are working hard to minimize all costs during this very unusual time, we need parishioners to do their part by continuing their regular contributions to the parish.

Our Pastor, Fr. Peter Sabbath, will not be taking any salary for the month of April. Fr. Jaison, as a member of a religious congregation, does not control his salary, but both he and Fr. Peter will not receive Mass stipends for the coming month.

We appeal to you to please continue your regular contributions as much as possible: mail in cheques or drop them off at the parish office or in the donation box at the back of the church, or use the on-line contribution donation system available through the parish web-site (www.becket.ca -- ONLINE GIVING). We hope to have an e-transfer system in place early next week as well.

There has been considerable upset in our midst over this pandemic. Let's work together to keep our church afloat and remember what an important beacon of hope it provides to us all.

God bless,

Michelle Figueredo

Financial Warden - St. Thomas à Becket Parish

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