



## *Paroisse St. Denis Parish*

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### **RE: Impact of the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 on our Parish**

Dear Parishioners:

In the context of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 epidemic, we are mostly preoccupied with the health and well-being of the parishioners of St. Denis Haywood and we pray that the Lord protects us all and very particularly those of us who are vulnerable or who care for the sick.

We want to assure you that our parish is carefully following the Liturgical Protocol put into effect by the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface to minimize the risk of infection through our liturgical practices. The Archdiocese remains vigilant—to that effect, it obtains information daily from the Department of Health, Seniors and Active Living and relies on the advice of the Chief Provincial Public Health Officer, Dr. Brent Roussin. As the situation evolves, the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface, in consultation with other dioceses, reviews its protocol. For information on the measures the Archdiocese has taken and to find inspiration in the spiritual guidance resources it suggests to us, we invite you to regularly visit its website at [www.archsaintboniface.ca](http://www.archsaintboniface.ca) and to subscribe to its electronic Newsletter “Weekly News Bulletin” by sending a request to Daniel Bahaud, Coordinator of Communication, at [communications@archsaintboniface.ca](mailto:communications@archsaintboniface.ca).

Our church will open each day of the week from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM, to allow individuals and families to come and pray. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private mass will be held Fridays as usual, adoration from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM and mass at 10:00 AM.

At the parish level, we would also like to stay in close communication with you by sending you our parish bulletin, amongst other things. If the parish does not have your email address, please send it to the Parish secretary, Mr. André Lambert, so that we can include you on our distribution list. We also invite you to share your current telephone number with us. As much as possible, we will also share information with you on our Website [www.stdenishaywoodmb.ca](http://www.stdenishaywoodmb.ca) and our Facebook page [Paroisse St. Denis – Haywood Parish](#).

We have the delicate task of addressing the question of the financial impact of the suspension of Sunday Liturgies because of the pandemic. As you well know, our parish relies enormously on the Sunday collection to pay its expenses. Furthermore, our other sources of revenue are diminishing at this time: we cannot count on fundraising events such as the Bazaar which, for the moment, is postponed.

We understand that we are living in a time of crisis and we are all touched in one way or another by COVID-19. In prayer, we invite you to evaluate how you can continue to support our parish to ensure that it can carry on—maybe some of you will be able to do a little bit more while others need to scale back.

You can do your part in one of many ways:

- a) By mailing cheques to the following address: Box 58, Haywood, MB. R0G 0W0
- b) By depositing your donation at the parish office according to the following schedule:  
Tuesday and Friday from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.
- c) By credit card. The Diocesan Website is now set up to take in donations on behalf of each parish. Click on the "Donate to my parish" button on the website's home page at [www.archsaintboniface.ca](http://www.archsaintboniface.ca) and follow the prompts. The Archdiocese will send you your official income tax receipt and, at the end of each month, will send the donations to the parishes.
- d) By signing up for monthly automatic debit donations via the parish's financial institution.
- e) By emailing an e-transfer to the parish email address [parstdenis@gmail.com](mailto:parstdenis@gmail.com) .
- f) Contact the parish office if you have any questions, special needs or if you can be of assistance in a special way. You can reach us by phone at 204-379-2175 or 203-872-3697 and by email at [parstdenis@gmail.com](mailto:parstdenis@gmail.com) .

Dear Parishioners, let us continue to practise solidarity during these trying times and participate in our own way in the healing ministry of Christ.

Sincere thanks for your attention in this matter and please know that our prayers are with you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Le Van Ngu", with a horizontal line underneath.

Father Peter Le Van Ngu