

Dear Parishioners & Friends of St. Veronica's,

This weekend (August 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>) will be our 6<sup>th</sup> weekend of Public masses at St. Veronica's. I remind you there are 4 weekend celebrations 3pm & 4:30pm on Saturday and 9am & 11am on Sundays. In the month of **August**: there is only one weekday mass at 9:15am. I thank all our Parish team & liturgical

ministers who allow us to celebrate a safe, social distancing, & hygienic mass (Eucharist). I thank all of you who have joined us for these celebrations. I really missed praying with and hearing you pray at public mass during the shutdown of public mass. Thank you for continuing to hand in your offerings at mass, bringing in your offerings to our mail slot, or mailing in your offerings.



One main reason that I post this weekend's Pastor Message is to announce: We have a new parish banner which has been installed on our east front wall of the church. The most important symbol on this banner is the simple cross draped with a white sash. In fact every weekend when we had no public masses in St. Veronica's church. I placed a large cross with a white sash draped over the cross on the front church landing during the complete Easter season because it is the Catholic symbol of Resurrection & Easter is when we highlight the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. A picture of this was placed on our Website in April in my Pastors Message. As well, we were encouraging parishioners to visit our website & keep connected with the parish & give each other hope. At the time, Claude Valiquet our parishioner & parish warden thought that some sort of new banner could also invite parishioners & others to be connected with our parish. So he shared the symbols & ideas with our fellow parishioner Mr. Dick Nieuwendyk and with the acceptance of the wardens & I, they were given the project to come up with & find the image & new words for a new banner.

St. Veronica's has a long standing supportive relationship with the City of Dorval. So when approached, the City of Dorval provided their employees & equipment to install our new banner on Friday morning August 14<sup>th</sup>. A picture of the new banner is attached to this pastor's message. The new banner was intended to be a sign of Hope & to encourage "passersby" to be connected with our St. Veronica's community in this difficult Covid 19 Pandemic period. So what better sign of hope to Catholics, Christians, all people than the **Sign of Resurrection: the sturdy Cross draped with the white sash!!** As well the message: "The Cross is steady while the world is spinning" gives us a sense that something is constant in our lives as each day brings on a "New Normal". Yes! Our gift of faith in **Jesus: the Risen One** can give us a "steady Hope" in good times & in bad, in sickness & in health.

Please stay connected with St. Veronica's parish or whatever faith community that gives you a "steady" sign of Resurrection & Hope.

Keep well in mind, body, & spirit

Fr. Fred