May 14, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

Hello from Fr. Fred and the parish team to all of you, in particular those we have not contacted by phone or email in the last several days. We hope everyone is keeping well in mind, body and spirit since the last time we "connected" with you. In this email we are hoping to reconnect more personally, whereas the website provides you with some pastoral and spiritual content.

This has been a truly unique Easter season in 2020 as we face the Covid 19 Pandemic. Speaking of Easter Season, we hope you are visiting our parish website: <u>www.saintveronicasdorval.ca</u>. Throughout the Easter season, Fr. Fred has a message from the Pastor's Desk, Deacon Gerry Turpin provides us with Easter Sunday homilies, and Fr. Fred provides you "virtual" blessings from inside the church. This is a good way for the parish to "stay connected". We know some of you call up those parishioners who do not have access to email website technologies and that you read them some of the material on the website. We thank you for helping those parishioners to be "connected" to you and the parish.

We know things are difficult during this Pandemic, so we want to sincerely thank those who continue to drop in our mail slot or mail in their parish envelopes. We also want to thank those who have sent "one time" donations. If you have not donated since the beginning of the closure of the church we hope you can begin soon. Even though the church and rectory are closed we still have ongoing expenses so we do appreciate your generosity during these stressful times.

As for a return to weekend and weekday celebrations, it is still "status quo". The church is closed for public celebrations. When we do return it will not be a return to the same weekend and weekday celebrations. Fr. Fred has coined the phrase: we will be celebrating "social distancing and hygienic condition" masses. We will let you know when we get new directives from Archdiocesan authority. We do know that you miss being connected with your fellow parishioners through celebrating a Eucharist (mass) in St. Veronica's church. We hope all of us put faith in the Risen Lord during this Easter season

Keep well in mind, body and spirit,

Fr. Fred and the parish team