

Dear Parishioners & Friends of St. Veronica's,

Well we have already finished our fourth weekend where parishioners registered for the four weekend masses by calling the parish office. I want to thank everyone for adapting to this latest "new" procedure. This weekend we celebrate at all four weekend masses the Solemnity of All Saints.

I, Fr. Fred, would like to reconfirm that St. Veronica's parish is trying to stay in touch with the young families & their children of our parish during this Pandemic. So, I have asked Mrs. Beverley Wiltsie to give us an update. Her response is as follows:

"I know I am not alone in missing the presence of the young families filling every room, nook and cranny in our parish each weekend. Due to Covid restrictions, we have had to switch to a home program this year. We are blessed to have very dedicated families in the program, and all but four families registered to embark on the at-home faith education journey.

I am in regular contact with the families, and the feedback to the new format has been overwhelmingly positive. The home program consists of completed their "Be My Disciple" workbooks and completing weekly exercises I have prepared for them in their duo-tangs. The younger grades exercises are based on interactive bible stories in their duo tangs and the older grades exercises are based on the gospel of the week. Each week on our parish website I post a family prayer service which is attractive to the children through the use of songs and videos to focus on the message of the week. I invite you to pass this information along to anyone you know who has children who may enjoy the weekly bible stories, the gospels for children or the family prayer service.

Father Fred and I are hopeful that in the future, once covid restrictions allow in 2021, we will be able to hold retreats, albeit in a new format, and that we can proceed with the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation for the children who were prepared last year. We also look forward to proceeding towards the sacraments for the children who are preparing this year.

Please keep these families in your prayers as they face the daunting challenge of raising children during a pandemic. I ask that they, too, pray for all Saint Veronica's parishioners who are being challenged daily by our current reality."

We have also put this message on the parish website at www.saintveronicasdorval.ca.

Father Fred and the Parish Team