

Dear Parishioners,

Like the Apostles and the new believers in Jesus Christ anticipated the Pentecost experience while they were in isolation, so we wait for the word when we can return to celebrate a Weekend Eucharist (Mass) at St. Veronica's parish. The Conference of Quebec Catholic Bishops and the Archdiocese of Montreal are awaiting directives from the government health authorities concerning the reopening of places of worship. The Archdiocese asks us to have patience, like the new Christian believers at Pentecost, concerning when we will be able to celebrate together. When we receive instructions from the Archdiocese of Montreal, Father Fred and Deacon Gerry will be contacting the different "heads" of liturgical ministries on how the directives will affect their particular ministry.

In the same manner, Beverley Wiltsie is working on restructuring the children's faith education program so that she can continue working closely with parents and children while respecting the circumstances which are becoming our 'new normal'. The families will be contacted by her in the near future once the details have been finalized.

Once we have been given permission from the Archdiocese and when we feel we are properly prepared to start celebrating Mass there will be an email and website invitation for parishioners to return to celebrate at St. Veronica's Parish. We remind you once again that when we do return to our weekend and weekday Eucharist (mass) it will not be celebrated in the same way as it was before the weekend of March 14th/ 15th. Father Fred has coined the phrase: we will be celebrating "social distancing and hygienic conditions" masses.

We hope the above information gives you assurance that discernments are taking place at both the diocese and at the parish. So let us enter into this Pentecost weekend trusting the Holy Spirit is working on behalf of God and Jesus the Christ in our lives.

Keep well in mind, body and spirit

Father Fred and the parish team