



#### **DIVINE MERCY PASTORAL UNIT**

Parishes of St. Mary of the Angels, Our Lady of Mercy, Our Lady of the Assumption, St. Joseph, St. Anne, St. Patrick, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Theresa of the Child Jesus

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## **Newsletter from Divine Mercy Pastoral Unit**

Dear Parishioners,

Our Pastoral Unit is facing a very difficult time due to the spread of the COVID-19 virus. A number of parishioners have been in touch with me in regards to masses and current events in our Unit. Please note the following information:

### **1) From the Bishop's Office**

This is the notice that was sent to me from Bishop Claude Champagne o.m.i., which I wish to share all members of our Pastoral Unit.

### **RE: Cancellation of all Celebrations in the Churches of the Diocese**

To all the faithful in the Diocese,

To collaborate with guidelines given these last days by the New Brunswick Public Health authorities, here are the latest decisions taken for our Diocese:

Cancellation of **all** the celebrations and **all** the public activities in the churches of the Edmundston Diocese: including; Sunday and weekday masses, funerals, baptisms, weddings, etc.

Likewise, it is also important to postpone all parish and diocesan activities: including; sessions, meetings, fund raising activities, etc.

All of these actions are undertaken in order to protect everyone and prevent, by all means, the spread of COVID-19. Be assured that your Bishop and your Priests are united with you in prayer. In their private celebration of the Eucharist, you will surely be included in all of their prayers.

### **2) From the Pastoral Unit Office**

You may phone the Parish Unit Office# (506.479.1670) to talk with a priest, if you have concerns.

We are planning to phone as many people as possible, especially those who are homebound - just to say hello and give them some reassurance that we are thinking of them. If you don't hear from either of us in the next week, that means we do not have you on one of our lists. If, at that point, you would like to speak to either of us, please reply to this email. We have been sending, all will continue to send the daily papal mass from the Vatican.

To add to this; In the Bishop's letter, he recommends religious activities, such as: T.V. Mass, saying the Rosary, etc. One site where you can find another daily mass is at <https://dailytvmass.com/>

Be assured of the Bishop's prayers at this time, as well as prayers from Father Gilbert, Father Curtis and Father Cecil.

All members of Divine Mercy Pastoral Unit will be remembered in the private mass that is said daily in the rectory.

I wish to thank everyone for sharing all of the different prayers, thoughts and activities on Facebook.

God Bless you all,

Father Gilbert Doddatto - Moderator of Divine Mercy Pastoral Unit