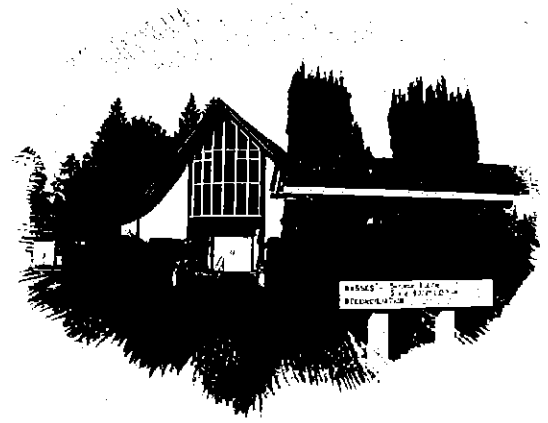


October 29, 2020



My Dear Parishioners:

A reminder that Daylight Saving Time ends early Sunday morning, so one's clock's fall back one hour for the correct time.

It's great to see the response of parishioners donating clothing this past week for the homeless. Another donation of clothing came from the Knox United parishioners too.

In the weekly mail out you will see how we are doing with your donations to the Diocesan Annual Appeal *Horizon of Hope*. As of October 28th, 68 parishioners have pledged \$16,320.00 to the appeal. With last year appeal part of our parish project was to support the North Island Parishes and \$892.00 went towards their expenses.

Last week the revised directives were sent out by the diocese. Looking ahead, towards the Advent and the Christmas season some changes will happen now. Note, the directives say one is still only allowed to attend one mass a week that they registered for. The plan is to move into the church this weekend. A maximum of 50 people allowed by the provincial health authority is what can be seated in the church. With the protocols only three people would be allowed in a pew, one at each end and one in the middle. We would skip a pew to keep the social distancing. If a couple or family in the same household, they could be closer in the pew. There is some seating upstairs, starting from the glass with only two rows and the green tape marking where one can only sit. I will be explaining the procedure for coming to communion, entering and exiting the church before and after each mass. The back entrance will be open for those who have difficulty with the stairs. Now that we plan to use the church, the proposal is that the hall would be available for the Christmas masses. The hall would be seen as a separate room using the screen and showing the mass. This will allow more people to come than just using the church only. A reminder, that the handicap washroom is

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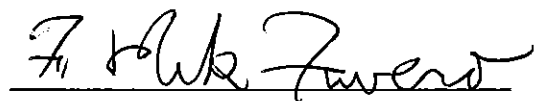
only to be used and not the other two washrooms. No singing is allowed except for the musician and cantor. The directives do say, "All those attending Mass do so at their own risk and must take responsibility for protecting themselves and others. Individuals are strongly encouraged to wear a mask to increase their level of safety and the safety of others when inside the church building."

Congratulations to Sylvia Kennedy, one of our parishioners who is celebrating her 90th birthday this Saturday, October 31st.

Next week the Priests Study Days will be by Zoom on Tuesday to Thursday from 10:00 – 11:30 am. Fr. Stephan Kappler, chief psychologist at Southdown will present the study days. The theme is "COVID-19 Redemption with Spiritual and Emotional strength."

This coming weekend and next week, you will hear of Development and Peace's campaign of "Recovering Together" during these challenging times globally. There are special D&P envelopes that will be available in the church for the collection on the weekend of November 7th to 8th.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Fr. Mike Zwers". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Fr. Mike