

## **From the Pastor's desk**

As most of you have heard, Dr. Bonnie Henry and the Ministry of Health have reinstated certain restrictions due to the Coronavirus that will mean, among other stipulations, that no religious gathering will be permitted across the province through December 7, 2020.

We have been here before so we know the drill. Hopefully our collective efforts will have the desired effects and that we will open again for public services in the near future.

We have been praying for a Vaccine to help control this Pandemic and our prayers have been answered. But we also know that it will take time to provide the Vaccine to the general public, and that in the meantime, we must stay vigilant so that those who are most vulnerable are kept safe from harm.

We also want to keep in our prayers all those who continue to work to keep us safe and fed. We remember all the first responders and those who stock the shelves. We should also remember our school staffs who have done a great job to keep our schools safe and open.

Although we have all been directly affected by the Pandemic, some of us are getting it from all sides. Imagine a single mom who works outside the home and has a few kids who attend school. I think that if we try to put ourselves in some other peoples' shoes, we'll feel better about our own challenges and find it easier to focus our prayers.

We will get through this Pandemic and to the other side and learn to enjoy a new normal. Until then, we will call on the Holy Spirit to help us count our daily blessings so that we will live life with a grateful and generous heart, in spite of the storms that swirl around us. Remember to keep in your prayers especially, your parish and Diocesan community, as we wade through this together.