



## **Update: March 24, 2020**

### **A message from Bishop Jensen**

### **Diocese of Prince George**

## **Regarding Coronavirus preventive measures**

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Until further notice, Bishop Jensen has dispensed the people of the diocese from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Public Mass on Sundays and weekdays is suspended. Priests will offer Mass privately, so that the worship of God may continue through the Church even when there is no congregation present.

In keeping with the recommendation to “stay home”, churches are not open for private prayer.

Regular parish meetings and other prayerful or organizational gatherings should be cancelled (e.g. Parish Pastoral Council meetings, Stations of the Cross, etc).

The Chrism Mass has been postponed to a later date.

The Sacrament of Penance is available with accommodations for “social distancing”. Priests are always available for emergency sick calls.

The liturgies of the Triduum will be celebrated by priests without a congregation.

In keeping with the directive of the BC Provincial Health Officer and the Minister of Health, people should be practicing social distancing and staying home. In these unprecedented times, we must follow the best practices recommended by science, even as we implore the mercy of God to deliver us from this evil.