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On the Tragedy in Tumbler Ridge

One week from today we begin the season of Lent, a time for more intense prayer and penance – personal sacrifice – to beg God’s healing grace for our lives and for the world.

The unimaginable tragedy that struck the community of Tumbler Ridge yesterday has traumatized us all. The most effective response we can offer for the intentions of the dead and the survivors, their families, the emergency responders, the parish community and town, is our own prayer and penance. In the providence of God, those are the tools entrusted to us that we can use to address suffering and help bring mercy and healing to all.

Today is the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. In the words of the familiar prayer, we turn to her “mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.” May we all unite our prayers to our Lady’s intercession to ask for God’s presence and mercy in our suffering world.

Bishop Stephen Jensen
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