



Office of the Bishop

Update – COVID19

17 April 2020

Dear Pastors, Parish Staff and Parishioners,

Happy Easter!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter and was able to celebrate the Easter mysteries as best you could. We have begun the great season of hope and new life. Jesus is our hope and the source of life. We continue to rely upon Him during this time of pandemic.

I want to commend all of our pastors for doing an amazing job keeping in contact with their parishioners. I also want to commend your ingenuity in finding various ways to minister to your people despite the obstacles you face.

Similarly, I want to thank all of our parish and diocesan staff, who continue to work and provide support to the parish, parishioners and parish staff. Thank you for your dedication and commitment.

The BC Government has extended the State of Emergency until April 28th as well as the current health restrictions. Thus, in following theirs and the health authorities lead, I think it best to keep our parishes and parish offices closed to all members of the public until then.

I know everyone is hoping that these restrictions will soon come to an end, but I think it is better to continue our efforts to prevent the spread of the virus and ensure that none of our clergy or parishioners get sick. By this we are doing our part in fighting the virus and hopefully, saving lives.

Please continue to pray for those who are sick and for those who care for them, and for the development of a vaccine and an end to the pandemic.

God bless all of you and keep you well,

✠ Gregory J Bittman
Bishop of Nelson