

Sacred Heart

WILLIAMS LAKE

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Dear Parishioners,

As you well know the Provincial Government has shut down worship services throughout the province. This action is unfair and difficult to receive after the sacrifices our communities have already made in obeying provincial orders.

One bright note, to assist in this current darkness, is the permission the Bishop has given us priests to offer Holy Communion after a streamed Mass.

This may be a little confusing at first, and we will have to work out some logistics through trial and error, but I would like to make available Holy Communion to those wishing to receive this Sunday.

This means:

- You are allowed to be in your vehicle in the parking lot during the Mass;
- You are encouraged to follow the Mass through whatever means are available to you in your vehicle;
- Following the Mass, I will come outside, standing in the top parking lot, and will distribute Communion. You will simply drive up to me, roll down your window and I can distribute Communion;
- I will make myself available for the distribution of Communion for about half an hour following the Mass. (For those that live closer to the parish that means you will be able to watch at home, should mobility or watching in the vehicle be onerous, then come to the parish for Communion).

For right now, I intend to say Mass at 11am, as I have been doing since this spring. This means I should be distributing Communion approximately between 11:40 and 12:10pm. It is important that we participate in the Mass, even though virtually, before receiving Communion as the two acts are inseparable. As always, there is an hour fast required before the reception of Holy Communion. As of right now, I have no plans for weekdays – but will likely have an update on Sunday.

I realize that this is still not ideal, and likely a little confusing, yet it is better than not being able to receive Our Lord. Please bear with me in patience as we try and figure this out in the coming days. You are in my prayers and I look forward to being with all of you again.

In Christ,

Fr Paul Simms

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