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Greetings,

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19), our cash flow is in serious decline. Our parish needs your help.

Jessica and I would like to provide everyone with an update as to some recent changes at our parish and request assistance from you, due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

As per direction from Bishop Paul, and as the situation of COVID-19 continues and unknown timelines regarding the return to some form of normalcy, our diocese has been challenged with some very difficult decisions. We anticipate that regular operations of masses will not resume in the immediate future. The following changes have been made:

- Fr. Jestoni's salary has been reduced 15%.
- Jessica, secretary is required to reduce hours of work to only one day per week. (She will continue to work from home)
- Darlene, our church cleaner has been laid-off until further notice.

Fr. Jestoni and Jessica have cut out several expenses:

- Snow removal / clean-up of leaves / grass cutting will be done by Fr. Jestoni, instead of hiring for this work.
- Regular subscriptions for religious magazines and materials including Word Among Us has been suspended.
- Expense of hosts and wine suspended.

Expenses such as gas, electricity, telephone, water and sewer, property insurance for **BOTH** the church and the rectory, cannot be suspended. These bills will keep coming whether masses are taking place or not.

We would highly encourage you to sign-up for pre-authorized debit: (one form to fill out, once a year and there is no extra cost to you) We attached the form in this envelope for your convenience. If you are already signed up, thank you.

Process to sign-up for pre-authorized debit:

- 1) Fill out the form and sign it. You can choose any amount per month.
- 2) You may choose to give to special collections or you may leave this blank.

- 3) Send this form and a void cheque (for the bank account in which you would like the donation to be debited from) to Fr. Jestoni, Jessica, or mail it to Box 118.
- 4) In the third week of the month, the monthly contribution will be deducted from your bank account. (No extra administration fees, no postage fees)
- 5) You are able to end this payment arrangement at anytime, by contacting the Parish.

If pre-authorized debit is not an option for you, and if possible, we are humbly requesting for our envelopes users to catch up with their weekly contributions. Paulette Pressling at the Plamondon Post Office has kindly offered to collect your collection envelopes. Jessica will pick up the collections on a regular basis.

You are also welcome to send your envelopes in the mail to: Box 118, Plamondon, Alberta T0A 2T0. These will go directly to the Parish mailbox.

We know that these are difficult times for many; people have lost employment and there is much uncertainty. If you can continue your regular contributions, we are so grateful. If you need to contribute less because of lack of employment we understand; that is OK. We know that you will give what you can.

Also included in this envelope, a letter from Bishop Paul, it outlines another option for giving to your parish while masses are currently suspended.

We would like to keep in contact with you during this time. Contact our secretary, Jessica Lemay with your email address. She will send occasional emails to keep you up to date with changes for St. Isidore Parish. She is working from home, and can be contacted by calling (780)798-3153 or email at stisidore@mcsnet.ca

Blessings,



Fr. Jestoni Porras

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