UPDATE - ALL SUNDAY MASSES CANCELLED

Dear Brothers and Sisters In Christ,

"Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth." Psalm 124:8

Amid concerns over the spread of the coronavirus (Covid-19) and at the direction of Ontario's Chief Medical Officer the Archbishop has cancelled all Sunday Masses in the Archdiocese. Weekday Masses will continue as scheduled.

Please visit The Archdiocese of Ottawa website for the most recent letter regarding the cancellation of masses in the Archdiocese of Ottawa due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) https://catholicottawa.ca/

The Church is open for adoration with the exposed Blessed Sacrament however, the adoration chapel is closed until further notice.

ISOLATED AND VULNERABLE PARISHIONERS
Let's have a particular concern for the isolated and the vulnerable parishioners. Please reach out to the people of the parish that you believe may be isolated or vulnerable. Please let us know if there are any parishioners that need assistance 613 728-9811.

Also, we appeal to those that currently donate through envelopes to switch to Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD), Debit Card, or Credit Card donations, at least until Sunday Masses resume. Currently, 59% of St. Mary's donations come from Sunday envelopes. With no Sunday Masses these donations may not be there while most of our expenses continue and are non-discretionary. For example, salaries, priests' living expenses, utilities (including heat and hot water), and diocesan tax make up 79% of our costs. By switching to an automated form of donations, at least for the time being, you will literally help St. Mary's to keep the lights on and the doors open. Please got to our website https://stmarysottawa.ca/ and click on the GIVE tab to donate, or call the Parish Office at 613-728-9811 and ask Catherine Cardeal, our Office Manager, to switch your donations to one of the methods described above.

My thoughts and prayers are with you during this challenging time.

Peace,
Father Mark Goring, CC