

Dear Friends in Christ,

“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

We once again find ourselves unable to attend in person worship at St. Mary’s as a result of the rising Covid 19 numbers. Our Diocesan administrator has been in contact with health officials and listened to the concerns of clergy and made the decision to suspend in person worship for the next month. This decision will then be reviewed in February by our new Bishop. Hopefully, the numbers will be in decline once again and we can resume worship. This decision has been made in order to keep everyone as safe as possible as the omicron variant continues its rapid spread.

St. Mary’s will be live streaming a Morning Prayer service on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. complete with a sermon on YouTube. Here is a link to St. Mary's YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoqsP5xSQB8-01yi5WJ1LnA>.

The service will be spoken (no hymns) so will be easy for you to participate with us. Beth has already sent out the link to the service and it is included below as well. The sermon will be posted on St. Mary’s website as usual. If you have any prayer requests, please email the church and they will be included in our prayers.

Included below is the Diocesan email in case you did not receive it last Friday.

We live in interesting times; unprecedented for most of us. Our experiences over the past 2+ years has enabled us to learn and experience new ways of honouring and praising our gracious God and for that I am thankful. I realize that we are all weary of the almost daily changes we have to make to keep ourselves and those we love as safe as possible, so I ask you to pray...pray for strength and courage as we continue this journey. Pray for each other and phone each other to keep in touch. Phone me at 306-280-1127 if you want to talk or if you have a concern. We will get through this together and once again gather to worship and praise God.

Remember these words from St. Paul:

“I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, not principalities nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:38-39

Peace be with you,

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