

Hello everyone,

There are several things included here that have come to our attention. Please be patient as you work through the information and certainly call me at the office if there is anything I can clarify. The diocesan website has the most up to date information www.rcdvictoria.org and I have tried to post our local updates to our website www.stedwardsduncan.com under "Latest News".

FINANCES:

It has become obvious that we are in need of another way to keep our donations up for those of you who use envelopes only and are choosing to stay home from Mass. In order to keep things running smoothly as the parish still needs to operate, and seeing as the COVID-19 virus may be affecting us for some time, Fr. Roger and the Finance Committee would really appreciate your consideration of signing up for a PAD (Pre-Approved Debit). It is not difficult and the forms are attached should you choose to support the church this way while self-isolating. I have included a sample of both Monthly and Weekly completed forms to follow when filling out your forms. Forms can be scanned back to the office email or dropped off at the office, through the mail slot if you prefer. Also, if you rather phone me at the office we can do all of this over the phone, I would love to help you. 😊

Another option for continuing with your financial support would be to fill multiple donation envelopes, bundle them together and drop them off or pop them through the office door mail slot. We can then pull out the ones for the correct week and deposit for you while you enjoy mass on TV from your homes 😊

SUPPORT:

We are looking for some volunteers who would be willing to support our parishioners who are self-isolating at home, with delivery of medications or groceries. If you feel like you would be able to support our faith community in this way, please call or email the office as we are taking down names of those able to help out.

Once we have established a support team for our parish, we can start taking names of parishioners who need help, be it groceries, etc. If you are at home, vulnerable and cannot venture out to get essential supplies, please call or email the office and we can find someone to help you in your time of need.

PRAYER SOLIDARITY:

There has been a suggestion that we gather as a faith community and say a powerful rosary together, many voices raised to Our Lady, to intercede on the world's behalf. If we could all stop at **2pm on Sunday March 22nd** and say the rosary together from our homes, raising these prayers together, would be very powerful! We could even continue at this time daily – let's see what Our Lady can do for the world as we join our voices together and lift her our pleas.

Blessings,

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