

Corona Chronicles #2

April 2020

We wrote to you last month before Easter Week, and just after we had made a few website changes following our Church closure.

Fr. Arthur Nash sent out a beautiful Easter letter filled with inspiring and uplifting words of Hope, Love and Grace. A perfect example of spiritual leadership received with thanks.

Patrick kindly set up ways in which we might celebrate Eastertide spiritually through our website offerings, together with those from our Diocese. Many of us made use of these worship opportunities from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday.

At the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis your leadership team met to explore ways and means for our community to stay connected. Thanks to Patrick Finch our website has stayed current, populated with timely information and weekly spiritual guides to help in our home worship. We have reposted gospel readings and sermons from 2017 (to match the current cycle) from Deacon Paul and/or Fr. Neil.

Sandra Sherwood, Deacon Paul and Father Arthur agreed to be our “prayer warriors”. They pray for us all daily and offer special interventions for those that have made known their requests. If you know of someone who made need our prayers or if you have a special prayer request, please contact Father Arthur at 604 531 0884, or by email at anash@hotmail.com As Dr. Bonnie Henry reminds each day, “there are many needs in are communities that are not related to this virus,”. Staying connected with each other in virtual ways, keeping each other in our hearts and prayers will help us heal and thrive.

You will have noticed that we now have an Interac link available for all parishioners, as getting our envelopes to the church has become more challenging. We are grateful that many people have taken advantage of this process and encourage others to do the same. Simply use the church email address to transfer your gift holytrinitywhiterock@telus.net. Thank you too to all those who have sent in additional “Easter Envelope” offerings. Please do not be concerned if your offering is not deposited promptly, as we have restricted Counters and Envelope Secretary access to the building to protect them from virus exposure. All is kept in the safe until the end of the month

Last month, your leadership team agreed to share financial results with the congregation each month against the 2020 Budget deficit of \$30,929. We plan to post this on our website as we do not have a weekly bulletin in the pews and there is no access to copies in the library.

Below is a snapshot of our year-to-date financial results to February 29,2020. You will notice we are approximately \$765 higher than our projected budget deficit year-to-date:

Extract from Income Statement
approved by Parish Council on March 26, 2020

January 1 – February 29, 2020

	Actual \$	Budget \$
Revenue	27,216.72	30,074.24
Expenses	35,082.51	37,774.12
Surplus / -Deficit	-8,465.79	-7,699.88

The Diocese has committed to financially help many parishes over the next 5 months by assisting with salaries for stipendiary clergy and by deferring assessments.

Please take care of yourselves and families and friends. Please continue to pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit to help us through safely. Take every opportunity to view your new lifestyle with gratitude and peace as you use the gift of "isolation" to stay connected with our Lord and each other.

Blessings,
Your Wardens