

December 20, 2021

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ -

I do not like to write this to you, but the diocese has determined that, as of December 20 (today) all in-church services have been cancelled until further notice. This is due to the flood-like rise in COVID related variants in the last few weeks and we wish to err on the side of caution rather than do what we really would LIKE to do.

Because of this, **THERE WILL BE NO IN-CHURCH SERVICES ON CHRISTMAS EVE OR CHRISTMAS DAY** at Holy Trinity. We have taped a service which will be posted soon for you to watch at your leisure . While it is not the way I wanted to celebrate Christmas with you, it is the only way possible at the present.

Following the holidays, we will assess how we will “do church” - probably Zoom as we did last year. Any feedback you can share with us would help the Wardens and me in our decision-making.

For those who wish to make a financial contribution for the ongoing ministry and witness of Holy Trinity before December 31, there are a number of ways possible:

- if you wish to etransfer, the address is [holytrinitymetcalfe@gmail.com](mailto:holytrinitymetcalfe@gmail.com);
- to connect with our Treasurer Meredith she is “reachable” at [mbrophy@xplornet.com](mailto:mbrophy@xplornet.com) or 613-277-1608 and will arrange for pickup
- or donations can be dropped off at Kay Stanley’s (613-821-2501, 8303 Victoria St. Metcalfe)

We have been advised to suspend all pastoral visits except in emergencies until this wave of COVID variant passes, but I will continue to be available at [flemingmichael@rogers.com](mailto:flemingmichael@rogers.com) or 613-825-1811.

I wish I had better “good news of glad tidings” to share with you, but the reality is that we are living in difficult and confusing times. By working and praying together, we shall overcome this and return to some form of normalcy. Together, we are stronger

With deepest thoughts and prayers to all of you, I am

Fr. Michael