



Paroisse catholique romaine

**SAINT HYACINTHE**

Roman Catholic Parish

27 rue Beaudry Street

La Salle Manitoba R0G 0A1

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March 31, 2020

### **Impact of the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 on our Parish**

Dear parishioners,  
Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we all currently experience the COVID-19 pandemic, we, the members of the Parish Pastoral Council, Trustees and myself, are mostly preoccupied with the health and well-being of the parishioners of St. Hyacinthe and we pray that the Lord protects us all and most especially those of us who are vulnerable or who care for the sick.

We want to assure you that our parish is carefully following the Liturgical Protocol put into effect by the Archdiocese of St. Boniface to minimize the risk of infection through our liturgical practices. The Archdiocese remains vigilant – to that effect, it obtains information daily from the Department of Health, Seniors and Active Living and relies on the advice of the Chief Provincial Public Health Officer, Dr. Brent Roussin. As the situation evolves, the Archdiocese of St. Boniface, in consultation with other dioceses, reviews its protocol. For information on the measures the Archdiocese has taken and to find inspiration in the spiritual guidance resources it suggests to us, we invite you to regularly visit its website at [www.archsaintboniface.ca](http://www.archsaintboniface.ca) and to subscribe to its electronic newsletter “Weekly News Bulletin” by sending a request to Daniel Bahuaud, Coordinator of Communication, at [communications@archsaintboniface.ca](mailto:communications@archsaintboniface.ca).

Our parish church is open and available for individuals and families to come and pray on Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 10 to noon, 2 to 4 pm, and 6 to 8 pm. Father Gabriel is there for confession or simply to talk to.

At the parish level, we would also like to stay in close communication with you by sending you our parish bulletin, amongst other things. If the parish does not have your email address, please contact us so that we can include you on our distribution list. We also invite you to share your current telephone number with us. As much as possible, we will also share information with you on our website at [www.sthyacinthelasalle.ca](http://www.sthyacinthelasalle.ca).

We have the delicate task of addressing the question of the financial impact of the suspension of Sunday Liturgies because of the pandemic. As you well know, our parish relies enormously on the Sunday collection to pay its expenses. Furthermore, our other sources of revenue are diminishing at this time.

We understand that we are living in a time of crisis and we are all touched in one way or another by COVID-19. In prayer, we invite you to evaluate how you can continue to support our

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parish to ensure that it can carry on – maybe some of you will be able to do a little bit more while others need to scale back.

You can do your part in one of many ways:

- a) By mailing cheques to the following address: **27 Beaudry Street, La Salle MB R0G 0A1**
- b) By depositing your donation in the mailbox near the door of the parish office
- c) By credit card. The Diocesan Website is now set up to take in donations on behalf of each parish. Click on the “Donate to my parish” button on the website’s home page at [www.archsaintboniface.ca](http://www.archsaintboniface.ca) and follow the prompts. The Archdiocese will send you your official income tax receipt and, at the end of each month, will send the donations to the parishes.
- d) By signing up for monthly automatic debit donations via the parish’s financial institution. Contact Rachel Cahill ([dnrcah@mymts.net](mailto:dnrcah@mymts.net) or 204-223-6091) for the instructions and the form to fill out to enrol for an automatic debit from your account.
- e) Contact the parish office if you have any questions, special needs or if you can be of assistance in a special way. You can reach us by phone, 204-736-2847 or [st.hyacinthe@mymts.net](mailto:st.hyacinthe@mymts.net). For example, a volunteer could pick up a donation envelope left by an elderly parishioner in her mailbox.

Dear Parishioners, let us continue to practice solidarity during these trying times and participate in our own way in the healing ministry of Christ.

Sincere thanks for your attention in this matter and please know that our prayers are with you.

Father Gabriel Levesque