



Diocese of Kamloops
BISHOP'S OFFICE

March 23, 2020

Reverend and dear Fathers and Deacons,

As the crisis brought about by COVID-19 continues to intensify and with keeping the health and safety of our faithful and the community at large of utmost importance, I am directing that all Sunday and weekday Masses be cancelled effective immediately until further notice. This cancellation includes all other parish gatherings.

As in my previous message, but this time at your discretion, I ask that for the good of the community, that the church remain open for private prayer and Adoration. Please ensure that when you do so, you adhere strictly to the directives of our provincial and national authorities on public gatherings.

Further communication on Holy Week will be forthcoming.

Let us all unite ourselves to the Passion of our Lord Jesus and allow His strength to lead us in serving the faithful under our care and pray that through His steadfast love and power to deliver us from this evil and distress.

Please use all the communication vehicles at your disposal to ensure that this message is received in your parishes especially our seniors, those who have serious medical conditions who are most vulnerable and those who do not have access to the internet and social media.

Fraternally in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read '+ Joseph Phuong Nguyen', is written over a horizontal line.

* Joseph Phuong Nguyen
Bishop of Kamloops