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Dear friends,

SUSPENSION OF ALL WORSHIP AND GATHERINGS AT ST. FRANCIS

At the direction of our Bishop, all gatherings and worship will be suspended within the Diocese of Rupert's Land starting Monday March 16, 2020. The Parish of St. Francis fully supports this decision and understands the concern for the health and wellness of all people.

Our Sunday morning worship services, Wednesday Lenten services along with **all** activities (exercise classes, seniors groups, movie nights, meetings, etc.) **have been cancelled until further notice**. This change will impact both our Burrin and McPhillips buildings. We are awaiting direction from Winnipeg Harvest to see what will happen with the food bank scheduled for the weekend of March 27 & 28 and beyond. While we understand the need for social distancing, we do not want to abandon those in need during this stressful time.

We understand that this is a stressful time for all of us too. Please know that your parish family is here to support you through this time, and we encourage you to pick up the phone and call members of our parish family to ensure they are doing ok, and "just chat".

We will be communicating to you through email, Facebook, our web page and phone calls during the next while to keep you up to date on what is happening. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to use these mediums to contact us. All the contact information relating to the parish is in the letterhead above.

Some people have asked what to do with their offerings. You can feel free to mail it to the church, or put your weekly offerings into its envelope each week; then when things get back to "normal", you will be up to date. Those on direct withdrawal will continue to have their offerings withdrawn from their banks.

Please continue your Lenten journey through prayer and take care of yourselves and your families.

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