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Dear Parishioners

It is my prayer that you will all continue to be healthy and alive!

As we welcome spring and being on Covid level 1 again I ask you to remember that we are people of God. It is no secret that we are Christians. **John 13:35. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.** We must practice this love in keeping clean and tidy and disciplined in the way we behave.

Firstly, we must follow our consciences when it comes to receiving the vaccination for Covid 19. In respect for all persons we should vaccinate thus creating a pool of vaccinated people who will be less susceptible to infection. Thus creating a space where we are able to congregate and continue life in the new normal. I pray that we may be courageous and with a mature mind take the "jab". I have taken it even though I am afraid of syringes.

Secondly, let us not forget that Covid will be with us for some time into the future. Therefore how we behave is imperative to our survival as a people. Let us not be too lax when it comes to adhering to protocol. Remember it is a blessing to be able to open up our churches for worship, and most importantly for funerals. So let us lead by example in this regard.

Thirdly, we have all seen the fluctuating weather patterns since July. I am being told that our summer will be extremely hot and uncomfortable for us all. With this being said we must remember to dress in a way that befits a worshipping community. When we partake of the Eucharist we answer a call by Christ to be at his table. This too is a blessing that surpasses every event of our lives. Dress like you would when invited to a function with the president at his presidential "palace". I am by no means being old fashioned but I was taught that for Church I must wear my Sunday best. So your best is expected.

Lastly, I want to invite you to be a vibrant, faith-filled, missionary Church where all God's people find a home. No-one wants be part of a dying church. So let us do everything for the Glory of God and be passionate about our church. To whom much is given, much will be required (**Luke 12:48**). If you have heard that line of wisdom, you know it means we are held responsible for what we have. If we have been blessed with talents, wealth, knowledge, time, and the like, it is expected that we benefit others.

Best wishes



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