



February 4, 2021

Dear Parishioners and Acquaintances in the Diocese and Beyond:

Good morning and greetings to all of you from Comox. The great news that I want to share with you today is that I now have a treatment starting date. I will be meeting with an oncologist at the hospital next Thursday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> and on the following day...Fridays start the weekly treatments. Patience is a virtue and I have been waiting for the treatment to start. While waiting here with the family I have had the opportunity to prepare for the next few months of treatment. A den has been setup, a recliner bed is coming, and I have been sleeping in a recliner chair for a while now. While still doing okay, I have been sharing the cooking with my sister Patricia. I enjoy the cooking and as you know it is better to prepare dinner for more than yourselves. Years ago, that is what I did as a job working in restaurants as a cook. We have a beautiful view from our front window looking out to Denman and Hornby Islands and the Island mountains behind, with Mr. Arrowsmith and its' the captive heights.

The medication that I am on to suppress the cancer Dexamethasone does have its side effects and that is what I am experiencing these days. These effects are constipation, insomnia, swollen ankles and feet...as some of the side effects that I am presently dealing with.

In closing, I give to you my heartfelt appreciation for all the prayers you are saying, the beautiful cards, the emails and your love and support you are sending to the family and me.

Yours in Christ,

*Fr. Mike*

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