



December 31, 2020

My Dear Parishioners:

I do hope that you had a peaceful and meaningful Christmas with those whom you could celebrate with during these challenging times. I know that many of you for Christmas this year could not be with your extended families, which has been a disappointment not to celebrate together.

I apologize that we had some glitches with the streaming of the Christmas masses. Zoom worked but the YouTube stream did not. Thursday night at 5:00pm for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day at 8:30am, the masses will be streamed via YouTube only. Also, Sunday at 8:30am, for the feast of Epiphany, will be streamed via YouTube. The parish website is the best way to go to access the masses. I will be using my lap top computer as I did for the Sunday before Christmas.

The Ascension Council 7991 Knights of Columbus is still selling tickets and seeking your support for the Annual Charity Appeal. The tickets are \$3.00 each and you can purchase them at <https://kofcdraw.net/C7991>.

Wednesday, early morning I was at the emergency department in Nanaimo for my shoulder, back and left ribs which have been hurting. After some CT scans in the morning, the diagnosis is that I have bone cancer in those areas. A biopsy is scheduled for next Tuesday afternoon to find out what type cancer it is and to determine the treatment going forward. In the New Year's masses the first reading from Numbers speaks of blessings and I thank you all for the blessings that you are to me and for your presence and caring.

May God be gracious to us and bless us (Psalm 67).

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