

Hello all, I just wanted to talk to you a little about Church matters

I know for many of you the Corona virus and all the restrictions that come with it have been quite distressing. I want you to know that many, many, hours of hard work and discussions have happened so that we are able to gather as a Church here in this place.

It might seem rather strange and even a little clinical to be seated and served communion in a different way, please understand that this is not how we would ideally like church to be, but at this present time this is what needs to happen. The whole experience of the sacrament of communion is not only just the physical eating of bread and drinking of juice, rather it is a more spiritual act, one where each person communes with God in their own way. You might think of Christ and his great sacrifice on the cross for you, you might think of the great love Jesus shows for you in every day circumstances, the comfort he brings, the joy of being able to feel close in prayer, there are as many ways to feel connected to God as there are personalities among us all are very special and holy experiences. Please note that this is as new and strange also for those who are serving communion, please be patient with us, for myself serving the bread, I feel uncomfortable speaking out loud when handing the bread out, not because of rules in place but rather I would not like to think I could cause any contamination of the bread, so I have chosen not to speak. I remember Bernie Jarius once saying to me, you can say what is on your heart when you hand out the elements, or you can say nothing. When you hand out the bread it is the giving of the bread that is the sharing of Christ's body not the words said.

We are still learning when it comes to the protocol of how and when the elements of Bread and Juice are to be uncovered and where they should be placed. We have come to realize that the elements should all be placed on the small tables out front and only the cup and bread roll should be on the communion table in front of the minister.

Please be patient, please embrace this new way of worship, we are so very fortunate to be able to even meet like this, stay positive this will not last forever, we will one day get back to normal I'm sure.

I hope your week is blessed with joy, and God love.

Rhonda