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Dear Parishioners,

As we begin the Advent Season, I would like once again to thank you for your many prayers on my behalf. They seem to be working. My latest tests --CT's and blood work-- show my cancer to be "stable" that is it has neither increased nor decreased in size since the September tests. My oncologist is pleased with this and says that we will use where I am now as a baseline for future tests. Other than fatigue, the medication I am taking --Alecensa or Alectinib-- has few side effects; my liver and kidney function continue to be unaffected by the drug which can potentially be toxic.

This penitential season of Advent will be a challenging one for all of us as we continue to cope with the ongoing crisis of the Wuhan Virus. Nevertheless it is still a time for us to stop and take stock of the many blessings we have --first among them being our Catholic Faith. By the Grace of God the several vaccines that have been developed in record time may yet make for an especially joyful Christmas.

In closing I would like to publicly acknowledge and thank Father Brian who has taken on an increased workload so as to better assist me as I deal with the cancer. I am profoundly grateful and humbled by all the support I have received and continue to receive from you the parishioners of St. Michael's. Thank you and may God bless and keep you,

Yours in the joy of Christ,

Father Drummond

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