

October 25, 2020

Dear Faithful of Our Lady of the Shenandoah Mission,
I am writing you about a change in the Mass schedule. Since July, we have had a daily Mass at noon, at the Mission. Offering that daily Mass has been a pleasure for myself. Sadly, such a Mass schedule only works when both priests are healthy and able. My chemotherapy treatments are taking a toll on my body and preventing me from responding generously to the needs of both St. John Bosco Parish and Our Lady of the Shenandoah Mission. With the needs of St. John Bosco Parish taking a priority (funerals, baptisms, weddings, etc.), and in order to help Fr. Tran help me with meeting the needs of the parish, I think that we need to cancel the daily Mass at the Mission for the foreseeable future. Coming to this decision saddens me, but it is something we must do. The Sunday Vigil Mass on Saturday evenings, along with confessions, will continue as usual.

I am grateful for your prayers, words of support, and your cards. Please be assured of my prayers for you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Michael Dobbins