



March 18, 2020

Dear Parish Family,

Today I am reminded of the depth of faith of the people of Prince of Peace. We know that faith brings us comfort and reassurance. We now enter what may be a period of many weeks when we will not be physically present at Mass and we will not be able to share Holy Communion. This will create a state of a kind of poverty. But we must remember that it is precisely because of the strength of our faith that we feel the absence of our physical participation in the Eucharist. That faith will sustain us in these trying times. Our faith will be the source of our patience. It will help us manage our worries.

Our day chapel remains open for private prayer and devotion from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. If you come, I know that you will take the precautions recommended by the experts. I know you will not come to the chapel if you feel unwell or have reason to be concerned that you have been exposed to the virus. We will maintain social distance. We will wash our hands or use hand sanitizer when entering and leaving. Let us do these things here and in our community in the spirit of good stewardship.

I sincerely hope that you will continue to support our parish. Prince of Peace is very blessed with an excellent parish and school staff. Although our staff is, for the most part, working from home, they do continue to work. And, of course, our operating expenses and financial responsibilities will continue. You may mail your offertory to the church office or give online at [Faith Direct](#) or use [Venmo](#).

I want to assure you that the priests of the parish are privately celebrating Mass for your intentions and remain available for your spiritual needs. You may call the church office at 205-822-9125 or [email us](#). We hope to soon offer the Mass livestreamed on the internet. Watch for more details.

From your homes, please unite in a prayer for [spiritual communion](#). Please continue your spiritual reading and especially your prayers for an end to the pandemic and the health of the people of the world.

In times of hardship, we still must remember that our first prayer must always be a prayer of gratitude. Let us be grateful for one another and for the peace that comes from our faith. These trying times bring us closer together; help us to reconcile and let go; foster gratitude; and teach us to appreciate each other. Let us help each other to remain faithful, hopeful, grateful and positive.

May your days always begin with a prayer in your heart. May you always

have a friend in need. May your life be filled with joy and laughter.

Peace be with you,

Fr. John Fallon

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