

My Dear Friends,

For me as a priest, the celebration of Holy Week and Easter is something so rich, with all its wonderful liturgies, that I look forward to it all year. This particular year I was hoping to celebrate these days and liturgies with you, my new friends and family, the Parishioners of St. Thomas Parish. I would never have suspected that this Easter, in my new home of St. Thomas, I would be celebrating without you, and without the beautiful music and singing, without a nicely decorated church, and without all of you -- wishing each of you a very Happy Easter. I am saddened by all this, so I guess we will have to wait until next year. However, I will be saying my private Masses and I will be praying for all of you, and I will thank God for all your support and prayers. I am honored to be a part of this wonderful family which I just so recently got to know. But I feel I was accepted and loved right away. May God bless you for that. That makes what could have been a difficult transition much easier. I believe that next year the celebration of Holy Week and Easter will be even more joyful. We will all be anticipating a return to normal!

I also want to take this opportunity to thank you for all your financial donations, especially these days when we are all locked down. Easter and Christmas are times when any parish is blessed by receiving many generous donations that help us tremendously to pay our bills. I want you to remember your parish especially now. Let us make sure that even though we can't be at Church, we still can and wish to support our parish financially. Lent and Easter have traditionally been a time to show our gratitude to God for the gift of faith by making a financial offering to the parish. Your contribution will go a long way to support the many ministries of our parish.

Along with thanking God for the gift of my faith, I will also thank God for the gift of you, the people of St. Thomas of Villanova. Again, please be assured of my prayers for you and your families during this Lenten and Easter Season. May God bless you abundantly.

Have a Happy Easter!

Fr. Kris, Pastor