

Let us stay in touch!

I, and all of our staff members, care very much how each of you are doing during these times. That's why some of you may have received a phone call either from me or from one of the staff members of St. Thomas Parish. We decided to use the parish pictorial directory and call our parishioners to simply ask how you are, and to talk for a little bit. If you haven't heard from us yet, it is simply because your phone number is no longer in service or you were unable to answer. We will be trying again, no worries. Maybe after all this lock down is over, we can think about putting together a new parish directory with updated contact information of all our parishioners.

That's because it is good to stay in touch, especially in days like these. Actually, it was very funny to hear from some of our parishioners after I introduced myself when they asked, 'so Father is this another campaign that you are calling me about?' or 'are you calling to remind me to submit my weekly collection?' No, nothing like that at all. And even though your weekly donation is still crucial for us to be able to function, I was calling you just to say hi, to assure you of my prayers and support in these difficult moments. If we can't be together and talk to each other in person, we still have the technology to help us stay connected.

So, we will continue to call you and even though we cannot offer much help, we can still chat a little and assure each other of our prayers and that we are thinking about you.

I encourage all of you to stay connected, to send emails, to make phone calls to your friends and neighbors that you normally see in church every Sunday or even every day. Connect also with the people who usually sit next you in church in the same pew. Sometimes just a good word, a prayer, a token of remembrance may have an enormous impact in other people's lives.

So, let us stay connected! The virus is a bad thing; it came from the Evil one. But we can still be joined together in prayer and by phone calls or emails. This is what I love about St. Thomas Parish; this is what struck me from the very first day I arrived here. It also impacted Monsignor Canary as he always tells me -- this parish is different. Here people care about each other. Here it really feels like one big family. Yes, this is really a unique parish with unique people. Let us not forget about each other during this difficult time.

And... wash your hands!

Fr. Kris