

## Message From Fr. Kris - 3/19/2020

### A message from Fr. Kris:

Dear Friends,

No one could predict that we would be living in days when we won't be able to go to school, work, shopping or places of entertainment. For sure, no one could ever predict that we also won't be able to worship God in our sacred places. When we look into history, especially the history of the Church in the past when there were difficult times, illnesses, wars and famines, people would gather in their churches even more, in order to pray, to find comfort, to be with others and to hear comforting words.

Today, we can't even do that- so sad! As I said before, God for sure has not abandon us. He is always with us even in the most difficult times. God is present in our homes, our families, our neighbors and in our hearts. He knows how difficult it is for most of us with so many unanswered questions. I don't know when our Church will be open again for Masses and devotions. This makes me very sad, too.

But as you can imagine, we still have bills to pay and staff who need their paychecks. In this difficult time, we need to think also about our worship place and support it as we always did. I never like to ask for money. Most of us pastors don't like to ask for it, especially now when many of you are uncertain about your own future, your jobs, your businesses and your bills. I only ask you not to forget about your Church, about St. Thomas of Villanova Parish, which also will face very difficult moments since we are unable to receive our regular Sunday collections.

I know that not everybody will be able to read this, since we are also very limited in communicating with our Parishioners now. But if you do, I am asking you to continue supporting your Parish. There are options like mailing in the check to the Parish Office or going online to our website and look for the link to GiveCentral (our on-line giving website) or just by bringing your envelope to Church when you come for private prayer or adoration – and put it in the slot in the parish office window or put it into the wooden treasury box by the door of the Church. I know the times are difficult for each one of us, but we can't forget about our Church. So, thank you for all of your donations especially now!

Fr. Marcin and I continue to say daily Masses for the intentions that we have and for all of you. I pray that very soon we all will be able to go back to our daily routines and be reunited again around the Holy Altar, receiving the Most Sacred Body and Blood of Christ and to join our hands together at the Lord's Prayer. May God bless you always!

Fr. Kris