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Dear Parishioner:

It is with a joyful and grateful heart that I can welcome you back, in person, to the Table of the Lord. It will be wonderful when all of us can gather together in the Church to hear God's Word, to be around the table and share the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. I understand that it will take some time for all of us to come together again, but I hope that more and more of you will be joining us each week.

I would remind you that "watching Mass" was great during a crisis but we really want and need to come together, to celebrate together, to pray together and most importantly to share the Body and Blood of Jesus together. We will continue to livestream Sunday Masses, funerals, baptisms and weddings for those parishioners who cannot join us because of illness or age.

It is my deepest hope that all of our families, especially the young families, who have become comfortable watching Mass will realize that we are not called to watch but to celebrate with each other and to share in the very Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. This is our strength, our faith and our salvation. I would encourage each of you to encourage each other to come back to Mass as soon as possible beginning June 5th and 6th.

Following the advice of the Diocese and the CDC, things will be different. We would ask you to wear a mask coming into and leaving the Church. Once you are seated you may remove your mask, or if you are more comfortable you may leave it on. We would ask you to use common sense when you are sitting near to another parishioner. You **MUST** wear a mask when coming to and from Communion. We will be going back to the Communion procession lines that we previously followed. Please follow the directions of the ushers. We would also ask you to wear a mask whenever you are singing any part of the Mass.

Cooperation, patience and understanding are the virtues we are praying for during this time of transition. What is important is that we come together, respecting each other and being eager to share in the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ that unites us.

We will begin with these basic procedures and as things develop, we will announce changes to you and ask for your cooperation. Please remember Eucharist is not a place for politics, upset, anger or division. We are God's family sharing the very Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, truly a Holy, prayerful, unifying moment in our lives.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me personally and I will do my best to answer your questions and concerns.

Sincerely,

Rev. Robert W. Wardenski, Pastor

Take and Eat...

Take and Drink...

Do This in Remembrance of Me...