



March 16, 2020

Greetings to my Amazing Parish Family Members!

Little did I know Friday morning that I was celebrating my last Mass with an Assembly until further notice. I was notified about our closures 4 hours after greeting people. I support the Bishop's decision. This Coronavirus sounds very dangerous for our population over 60 years old, and that's a lot of us, including me.

I miss our fellowship and I'm sure you do, too. We have so many hearts of gold here! It is a blessing to have such wonderful friends in our lives. I believe being deprived of the Eucharist now is also a difficult time for all of you. We will certainly appreciate the Eucharist and our fellowship more when we can gather again. I look forward to celebrating the liturgy with you again at the first opportunity.

While I am not allowed to celebrate Mass in public for now, I continue to celebrate Mass in private daily. It is eerie having only an altar server present.

Please forgive me if I sound crass now, but I have to address this. All of us Pastors are concerned about paying the expenses of our parishes without a weekly Collection, because the bills obviously continue to arrive. Your support is so important! During this difficult time, I ask you to consider contributing online. Online Giving under the present circumstances is a much more convenient way to make your gifts than mailing in envelopes. If I can sweet-talk you into this, here are the steps:

1. Go to our parish website at ctkpueblo.org
2. Click on the "About Us" tab on the top of the screen.
3. Click on the Online Giving tab at the bottom of the drop-down menu.
4. Click on the Online Giving box in the upper right corner.
5. Click on Sign In.
6. Click on the bottom where it says "New? Register for an account", and follow the instructions. Enter a figure for your parish contribution and then reenter a figure for your Diocesan Ministry Fund contribution. Remember that I've asked you to designate a fourth of your usual contribution to our parish to DMF. I'm not asking you to increase your contribution; just to apportion it differently.

If you have any questions, call Mary Meissner at 719/542-9248 ext. 111. Remember, she knows everything!

You are in my prayers; please pray for me. Let's continue to grow closer to Christ.

Thanks for your help!

Your temporarily "virtual" Pastor,

Fr. John O.