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Dear Faithful Parishioners,

It was a great joy last that we were able to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass outside together last weekend. We were able, by the help of parishioners, to set up an altar and a sound system so that we could truly worship together in a reverent way. It was amazing to see a parking lot filled with vehicles praising God and receiving our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

This weekend we come to the close of our Easter Season with the celebration of Pentecost. Even in our situation today the Holy Spirit is with us, strengthening us, and is guiding us on our journey. When we open and surrender our hearts to the Holy Spirit, we are able to see clearer and to move forward with courage and trust.

As we enter the month of June, the Church will celebrate the great Solemnities of the Holy Trinity and Corpus Christi. These great solemnities emphasize the foundation of our faith. The Holy Trinity reminds us of the Triune God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit and the invitation to enter into this great mystery. We are blessed to have our God so close to us that we are able to receive Jesus' Body, blood, Soul and Divinity in the Most Holy Eucharist. These solemnities reaffirm that we do not need to be afraid; rather we are filled with peace and consolation because God will never leave us. He is with us to the end of the age.

We have formed a leadership team made up of parishioners to help us reopen our church. The leadership team has completed training and is working diligently to follow the safety guidelines from our diocese. Our goal is to be prepared to reopen in a safe and timely manner when given permission to do so. I reiterate that it is very important for you to complete the Covid-19 Census Form. This form allows us to have the most up-to-date contact information and guides our Mass registration process once we reopen. The census form also allows you to indicate your level of volunteerism. We will be in need of many volunteers to help with Mass registration, check-in, ushering, logistics, and cleaning. In order for this process to run smoothly and safely, many hands are needed.

Let us continue to pray for one another.

In Christ,

Fr. Steve