



# Immaculate Conception Parish

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A Letter to Parishioners  
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Dear Parishioners,

In these challenging days, our Church is coping with both the ongoing spread of the coronavirus and the spread of the anxiety associated with it. We are also challenged by the suspension of public Masses as well as a great restriction on the sacramental life and parish life that is part of our Catholic way of life here at Immaculate Conception.

We are also facing a bit of isolation in our every day lives. The human contact that marks our Christian interaction in every day life is under strain and restriction. We know that we may not be gathering as a community for a while – and none of us like that scenario. But like it or not, we must face it.

To help you, the faithful of Immaculate Conception Parish, let me first tell you that your Priests -- myself, Fr. Etim, Fr. Mano and Msgr. Dan -- are all praying for you, and we'd ask you do likewise for us. In terms of assistance in keeping one's faith strong and one's spiritual life sound, during these trying days, I have prepared for you many Spiritual Resources. These resources will be available here at the website. They are crafted for every day of the week, are four-fold in nature:

- One contains the Daily Mass Reading
- One provided Devotional Prayer opportunities
- One provides spiritual texts from the "Office of Readings"
- One provides insight/reflection into the Live of the Saints.

Additionally, I have pages for Educational Videos on various Catholic topics, as well as a page with several options to view Catholic Mass everyday.

I hope that you are able to take advantage of these Spiritual Resources, and that in some small way they give you solace, and remind you that you and I, and all the many others who are part of this parish community – while separated physically – can still grow together in faith. I look forward to the day when we once again gather together to praise the Lord, and receive the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist. Be vigilant, be prayerful, and as Christ commends us: Be not afraid!

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. James Lentini  
Pastor