

Christ the King Roman Catholic Church

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Dear First Communion Students and Parents;

On this Easter Monday I wanted to write to you and ask a very important question. In prayer today I asked myself this same question. What do we need? As we end the Season of Lent and Celebrate the Easter, we should see ourselves in a new way. Lent is a time that we prepare for the Resurrection of Christ. It's in the past few weeks Lent seemed to be dragging on with the Covid-19 Virus and the normal Daily Routine has changed. And in my time of prayer, I realized what we need is the Resurrection now more than ever, because in the Resurrection life changes normal is no longer the way.

During this time of separation as I mentioned in the Easter Homily, we need to rely on faith now more than ever. Faith is no longer just prayers; it is now the way that draws us closer to the Risen Lord and can also draw us closer together. I will rejoice on the day that we can be united again physically at the celebration of the Mass.

A question about First Communion has been asked many times over the past few weeks. The Faith Formation Classes for Christ the King and Pope John XXIII will no longer be physically meeting. I ask that Mrs. Fallon and Mr. Maio keep in contact with the families and have family formation lessons that can be done together. First Communion at this time is Postponed, even if we are permitted to gather again on the Weekend of May 2&3 it would be too close to our time of separation.

As your pastor my personal concern is for the safety of all our families as well as our spiritual life. So, I ask that we wait until we can gather again and then we will see when it will be the proper time for offering First Communion. We have discussed having smaller groups this year.

I would ask your Family to Create a Spiritual Communion Prayer, about how excited you are to receive Jesus for the first time. We would like to share these prayers to help those who are missing the celebration of Mass and to give us all HOPE during this difficult time. You can email these prayers back to Mrs. Fallon and Mr. Maio

Trust in Jesus,

Fr. Zach
Pastor
Christ the King & Pope John XXIII

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