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Fr Vidal's Letter to Parishioners continued

The cancellation of the celebration of the mass does not mean that Catholics can excuse themselves from fulfilling the obligation of keeping the Day of the Lord holy. As your pastor, I urge you to follow the broadcast of mass on [Saint Kateri Facebook](#). Though you cannot receive the body and blood of Christ, the Church encourages you to make an act of "spiritual communion," where you can unite yourself to God through prayer. It is a beautiful way to express to God your desire to be united with him when you are unable to complete that union in the reception of Holy Communion.

The cancellation of the Masses from different parishes affects the life of our parish. Our parish is dependent upon offertory giving each week. By giving to our parish on a regular basis, we're showing that our church has a meaningful place in our hearts. We wanted to let you know that you're in our heart, too. Please, continue your weekly collection by enrolling in electronic giving. Please visit: <https://saintkateri.org/electronic-giving>. We truly appreciate your ongoing support and want to let you know we're here for you. You are a valued member of our church family.

Below is a traditional prayer of spiritual communion that many saints have prayed over the years. It can be prayed if you find yourself at Mass unable to receive the Eucharist. The ultimate goal of our lives should be communion with God and an act of spiritual communion can help a person draw closer to that goal.

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.
Let us continue to pray for one another especially those who are at the front lines in facing this crisis.

Fr. Vidal