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My brothers and sisters,

These are difficult times for us, and fear, anger, hurt and sadness are natural reactions. As of today and for the next few weeks, there will be no celebration of the Eucharist. It is like an extended Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Bishop Steven has suspended all public Masses in the Diocese of Cheyenne until further notice. The Church, however, is still here. I don't mean the building. The building only represents the Church. WE are the Church, the Body of Christ. Even though there is no celebration of the Mass, we still have the power of prayer. Prayer is a real powerhouse. We need to tap into it now. Additionally, we have God's Word in the Sacred Scriptures. It is a time to let that Word shape and form us as a community. This Sunday and each Sunday until we gather again as the Body of Christ, I encourage you to gather with those in your homes, your family, to pray and to read the Scriptures for the Sunday Mass. Watch the Sunday Mass on television or online (see the information enclosed).

Our Diocese and parish will continue to monitor the situation on a weekly basis. I will communicate with you either through letters, our website ([www.holytrinitycheyenne.org](http://www.holytrinitycheyenne.org)) or social media. The bulletin will be available in the Church later this week with all the information about our parish. Although there will be no public celebration of Mass, the church will be open from 6:00 am until 9:00 pm. Please come and pray, but keep the numbers in the church to 10 or under, and maintain a distance from others. Parish personnel are mainly working from home, so please call or email them.

Without the regular Sunday collections, our Parish will face some financial issues. We recognize that some families and individuals may be facing a similar situation with loss of income. If, however, this is not your situation, would you please continue your regular parish financial commitment during these weeks without Mass? You can mail your weekly donation, drop it off at the parish office, use the lock box outside the parish office door, or use our online giving. If you drop off your offering, you might stop for a quick prayer in the church.

Remember, Jesus is with us. He promised at the end of the Gospel of St. Matthew, "And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." He will get us through these times, and perhaps we will emerge with an even greater desire to be at and participate in the Eucharistic Celebration.

Know my prayers for you and for your family. Let us pray for one another and look forward to being together when we once again gather in one space as the Body of Christ.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Thomas E. Cronkleton, Jr.  
Pastor