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Note From The Pastor:

As we all find ourselves navigating this unprecedented situation caused by the new coronavirus disease, COVID-19, I hope each of you are taking care of yourself and your loved ones. Your health and safety, as well as the health and safety of our families, partners, and communities are a top priority, and we are continuing to closely monitor the latest news and implement the recommendations of the CDC and County Health Departments.

To that end, I'm in constant communication with the Chancery, parish staff, Pastoral and Finance Boards to address the larger issues surrounding minimizing exposure and continuing to provide services.

We started streaming live mass on Sundays 11 am and will continue doing so every Sunday. Stanford Catholic community will start streaming their Sunday Mass on Sundays at 4:30pm from our Saint Thomas Aquinas Church. You may access to it through our or their website. Fr. Maurice has started sharing the Divine Mercy Chaplet and will stream it through Zoom every day at 3 pm. Access to all these through our webpage at <https://www.paloaltocatholic.net>

We also started adoration at SAG church every day from 9 am until Sunset. We cannot open the doors but people may say some prayers in the presence of our Lord through the glass doors. Remember to keep social distance and also any sanitary precaution. Stay warm and dry.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society and the Human Concerns board continue actively trying to reach out to those in need in our community. They do as much as they can respecting the limitations imposed by COVID. The parish, through their work, is being able to provide food, some rent support, clothes, hygiene packs, and other basic needs items.

We are now working on putting together a parish phone tree to be able to call all of you very soon. We hope we have your phone in our data base. If so, you may expect to receive a check in call from the priests, staff or Pastoral Stewardship Council board members. We apologize if we don't get to reach out to all. We have about 1,500 phone numbers. We want you to know that we are here for you. We continue praying for you and we want to know if there is anything else we could do during these difficult times. Please always remember you can get a hold of us using the emergency line posted on our webpage and the front page of this bulletin.

Personally I want to thank all those of you who reached out to me, asked how am I doing, and if I needed anything. Thank you so much for so much love. I try my best to support this loving community and I apologize if at times I may run short.

Finally, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you—you've all demonstrated an inordinate amount of resourcefulness, teamwork, and flexibility in continuing to help our parish during this time of crisis. You are doing God's work!

In deepest gratitude,

Fr. Estanislao (Stasys), Pastor