



Sample Letter from Pastor

Dear [Name],

I pray that you and your family are well after these many long months of the pandemic. I hope that you felt the closeness of the Lord Jesus and also our closeness as your parish.

As we have emerged from the darkness of those difficult days, I would like to invite you to reconnect fully with the parish, especially by returning to the in-person celebration of Mass. Many in our community found that livestreaming Mass was a helpful way to stay connected to God and to our parish during the pandemic. I have heard how much people experienced the Lord's closeness to them, even over the internet.

At the same time, all of us know instinctively that nothing compares to "being there" in person. We discovered this truth anew during the pandemic lockdowns when we were almost completely separated from one another. While Zoom meetings and livestream could serve as an interim solution, all of us felt the hunger in our hearts to be in the same room as our loved ones and to feel a handshake or a hug. If this is true on the level of our human relationships, how much more so with Jesus, who comes to be physically present to us at every Mass. When it comes to Mass, truly we must say that nothing compares to being there.

I write to you now as your pastor to invite you and your family back to the in-person celebration of the Eucharist. It is only here that you will find the strength that you need to navigate the trials of life, the love that you need for all of your relationships and the grace that you need to make your way to Heaven. It would be a delight to my heart to see you at Mass again and even more so, it would give joy to the heart of Jesus who awaits your presence at the altar.

If there is anything that I or the parish can do to assist you, please do not hesitate to contact us. I provide you with our Mass and Confession times here:

[Mass times here]

Sincerely yours in Christ,