Dear (Parishioner Name-Personalize if Possible),

*“Be on your guard;*

It has been a hectic few weeks, but we have emerged stronger in our faith with new and creative ways to continue building up the Kingdom of God. Again, I offer my thanks to you for your patience as we worked to

*be courageous;*

*stand firm in the faith;*

*-1 Corinthians 16:13*

*be strong.”*

adapt our ministries and outreach here at our parish to continue serving

your spiritual and pastoral needs.

We have had some tremendous response to our virtual outreach,

* *Daily Prayer* – (provide update on daily prayer options). Please continue to pray for one another and please reach out to those who may be isolated or afraid.
* *Celebrating Mass* – We are getting better and better at virtual Mass! Thank you to those who have provided feedback, and if you have any input, please don’t hesitate to email us at (email address). And don’t forget to watch this weekend (If your parish is live streaming Mass, state that here and how parishioners can access it. If you are not add this text – Our diocese is incredibly blessed with neighboring parishes that are livestreaming Mass and a Catholic radio station broadcasting Mass for the faithful to participate in at home. If you haven’t found one that meets your viewing needs, keep looking! Please visit [www.dosp.org](http://www.dosp.org) and click the banner at the top of the screen that says “*Click here to find out how to watch or listen to the Mass at home.*”)
* *Connecting with each other* - We are trying to add resources to our website regularly, and we have even branched out into social media! Please check out the following new virtual outreach areas we have for our households:
* Example: Youth Ministry – our youth are coming together on Zoom on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings at 7pm. They are praying, sharing challenges and building their relationship with Christ and each other. Email (email address) to request an invite.
* Example: Faith Formation – we are sharing ideas on Households of Faith. Send us pictures of your prayer nooks and formation activities so we can share them with all our families!
* Example: Facebook live – every Tuesday at 9:30am, join me on Facebook for a live “coffee talk” session with me.
* Example: Zoom office hours – we will be holding parish office hours every day from 10am-2pm. During that time, a member of our staff will keep the meeting open and you can log on to ask questions, pray with a staff member, or just check in. Email me at (email address) to receive the link.

I encourage you to visit our website at (URL) and the website for the Diocese of St. Petersburg at [www.dosp.org](http://www.dosp.org) to find resources for prayer and formation, opportunities to access assistance or ways you can help. As you can see from the list above, we are adding new resources regularly, and we want to be the place our people can connect based on your input. We are in this together, so keep the great ideas coming!

My prayers remain with my parishioners through this all, and I am striving to serve you to the best of my ability and give where I can. I ask you all to remember to do the same - pray, serve and give, even in times of difficulty. Thank you for your continued charity which binds our faith community as we promote the Gospel and build His Kingdom. You remain in my prayers.

In the Peace of Christ,

Pastor