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Subject: Praying and Giving Together amid COVID-19

Hello St. Nicholas of Tolentine family,

I pray that you and your loved ones are healthy and have the resources you need amidst the current restrictions. We know these measures are designed to protect our wellbeing and that of the of our broader community and world.

For many of us, particularly when we're now told to stay home for weeks at a time, our initial reaction is to gather all we can and hunker down to weather the storm. As a Christian family of faith, this is also a time – perhaps the most important time – to consider our need for spiritual unity and the needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Praying Together

Though our family of families at St. Nicholas of Tolentine may be physically separated from one another right now, we are blessed with several ways we can unite in prayer and devotion. I encourage you to consider any number of the following to join as a St. Nicholas of Tolentine family:

1. Livestream Masses: [Weekend Masses from Holy Name Cathedral, Daily Masses from St. James Chapel](#)
2. Holy Hour / Way of the Cross: Please go to the parish website: www.stnicksparish.org

Giving Together

Cancellation of Mass is leading to significant losses in our offertory income, which is placing all our ministries and operations at significant risk. Many people in our parish and community depend upon your regular, weekly offertory contributions and, during this current challenge, they are needed more than ever.

Please consider giving online at www.archchicago.org/offertory were you can make an offertory donation to our St. Nicholas of Tolentine family and keep the vital ministries and services we provide going. Please make sure to select St. Nicholas of Tolentine from the drop-down menu on the form. We ask you to prayerfully consider maintaining your regular weekly donation level or even increasing it during these times.

If you prefer to make an offertory donation through mail please do so you can send a check or money order, to our parish office St. Nicholas of Tolentine 3721 W. 62nd St., Chicago, IL.60629

The fact that this pandemic is occurring during our Lenten journey offers each of us important reminders about the role of faith, hope and charity in our daily lives and in whom we place our trust. I believe we are being called by Jesus Christ to a renewed sense of solidarity. This is a time for unity in prayer, not for isolation; it is a time for hope, not despair; it is a time for generosity, not self-focus. "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (Jn 13:35).

May God grant you peace during this difficult time and may He manifest His love and presence to you in abundant ways. If you have any concerns, please contact the Parish Office at St. Nicholas of Tolentine 773-735-1121 or email us at stnicholas-tolentine@archchicago.org.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Nicholas of Tolentine.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Salvador Den Hallegado

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