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Dear Parishioners of St. Thomas More

It seems that spring has finally arrived; we have had a string of warm and sunny days. The earth is showing signs of growth and life. We have survived another winter and now are living in the hope of better days to come. Our isolation is not easy. We miss social contact and we miss the parish contact. There is one contact that we can maintain and that is with our faith. We may not be able to physically attend Mass or receive the Eucharist but it is our prayer life that will bring us through this time.

The television ads urge us to sing O Canada or to step outside and clap. I have a different suggestion for you. Every morning when you wake up and every evening before you fall asleep, say a prayer for the end of the pandemic. Pray for the sick, for the elderly, for the essential workers, the unemployed and pray for yourself. Pray as a family, pray as an individual, pray as part of the St Thomas More community.

It was praying the rosary that led to victory of the unsurmountable odds at Lepanto and faith that led to the downfall of communism in Eastern Europe; pray now for victory over this disease. The world has survived many tragedies and hardships. As people of hope, we know that, with the help of God, we can again do so.

We are a Resurrection people; we are people filled with hope. Be strong and know that God is with us and wants what is best. This knowledge will bring us through these difficult times. Our thoughts are especially with those who are eagerly awaiting the reception of the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion for the first time and for the RCIA candidates who await reception into the Church. Be patient – the Lord knows how much you long to be near him.

In the parish, we are doing our best to cope. Each day I celebrate Mass in private for your intentions. The church is open for private prayer and confession. I thank all those who are continuing to support our parish financially. We welcome your donations by drop offs, online giving or mail.

Visit our website at <https://stm.caedm.ca> to keep informed about parish updates and access an electronic version of the bulletin.

Psalm 39 appeals “**And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in you.**”
In spring, plant a seed – the seed of hope in your heart. God bless you all.

Father Mitch

“I die the king’s good servant, but God’s first.”

–St. Thomas More