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My dear Parishioners,

As you may already know, Bishop Barber, the Bishop of Oakland, has suspended Holy Masses on Sundays until further notice. This is just a precaution as you can well guess. However, I would like to strongly recommend special time for personal and family prayers. More than other times, all are at home. Praying the Rosary together may be one of the best things that we can do during this fearful and uncertain times. Reading of the Gospels will also be excellent. Invite your children by telling them of the importance of praying together.

There is no need to panic because we strongly believe in Jesus. May be, this is the best time for us to come closer to God by deepening our faith. I strongly believe something good will come out of this Corona Virus. And of course, there is nothing better than deepening our faith in God and His Son Jesus who died on the cross. We do not know how we are going to have Easter this year. He will show us the way. The Universal Church is suffering. Let us make the best of this situation by recognizing God as our Father and Creator.

Let me assure you of my love and prayers at a painful time like this when we see the Hand of God guiding us. Let us remember the words of Jesus, "FEAR NOT I AM WITH YOU." Let us surrender all our fears to the Lord.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Antony Vazhappilly'.

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