

**Letter from Maria Caridi,
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Hello my dear parishioners and friends, as I sit at my computer thinking about what to say I think about all the blessings in my life, my family, my friends, my new grandson Lincoln, and the fact that I can pray every day in my home. We need to remember all the good things in our lives that will still be present after this difficult time passes.

The past six weeks or so have been a strange journey for all of us. We all have been impacted by this craziness, either emotionally or physically. The one thing that we all have in common is our faith, please never lose the faith. We have all received those emails or texts about spiritual sayings, but the fact will always be that Jesus does walk with us. I know that we may feel alone at times, let's face it we are all having good days, and not so good days.

I want to share with you what I try and teach my third-grade religion students that I keep in touch with and I learn so much from. On the first day of class I teach them that even though we cannot physically see Jesus with our eyes, we know that he is always with us. Just as Jesus went into a locked room to the Apstoles, he is always with us.

Having so much extra time on my hands I have learned a new routine, first I pray each morning, let's face it we never had time. Now there is no excuse to say you cannot pray. All those sermons we have all listened to that tell us pray, pray, and pray. If we all pray, God will hear us. I look forward to seeing you all at mass again soon, so that we can pray as a family of faith. I know that our world will be changed forever, but I am praying that it will be changed for the better.

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