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Dear Parish Family,

I was very happy to be back and celebrate the Holy Eucharist with you last weekend. I believe there is nothing more precious in a shepherd's heart than to be with the flock that God has entrusted him. When I was away from you for two weeks I really missed celebrating the Holy Eucharist with you. The Holy Eucharist is a communal celebration participated by the faithful and the priest so to be nourished TOGETHER in Holy Communion by our Lord Jesus Christ. Yes, I celebrated mass everyday privately to offer the intentions and to pray for you, but I miss being with you - the togetherness and unity achieved when we receive Jesus in communion. Surely, you understand why I felt that excitement about being with you once again.

How about you? For those who have not been able to attend Mass in person, do you miss coming to church on Sundays and being with your parish family and together celebrating the Holy Eucharist? I guess the bigger question is, do you miss receiving Jesus in Holy Communion? Do you miss being embraced by the forgiveness and love that the Lord Jesus gives in the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

A loving reminder though, it is in the frequent reception of the sacraments that we grow in our relationship with God. I know that the Sunday obligation is dispensed due to this pandemic and that you can watch the Mass through social media, but there's still something missing. Right? It's the reception of Holy Communion - the spiritual nourishment of our souls. It is a manifestation of our love for God. In view of this, I would like to invite you once again to join us in celebrating the Holy Eucharist together every weekend, and most of all to receive the Precious Lord in Holy Communion. **IF YOU ARE IN GOOD HEALTH, I AM INVITING YOU! I need to emphasize that again- IF YOU ARE IN GOOD HEALTH!**

We still follow the usual restrictions (wearing a mask, social distancing) and we have the Family Life Center available in case of an overflow and we disinfect the church after every Mass. But the best part about coming is being able to receive Holy Communion!

See you soon,

Fr. Dwight