**SAMPLE # 1 EMAIL TO PARISHIONERS**

**Keep the Faith**

Dear <<Name>>,

For many of us this year our Easter season is looking much different as we continue to navigate through all the challenges of COVID-19. How is this going for you?

In the Gospel of John we hear the story of Mary Magdalene weeping outside the tomb of Jesus. She fears someone took Him. However, she soon discovers He was right there with her just like He is walking with each of us today. How awesome is this!

It is through our faith we find peace, joy and love. During these unsettling times it is important for us to pray daily, check in on our friends and family and if able to do so, share our gifts with those in need.

Many of you who regularly give at Mass have begun to mail your check to us. Some have set up a credit card or electronic fund transfer to support our parish. More families are using our secure online giving page at <<website link>> to make their gifts. Please know how grateful I am for you and your generous support of our parish.

Just like Mary Magdalene had her hope restored at the tomb of Jesus, your gift helps restore hope to many people in our community. We are able to creatively continue to reach out to our youth to help them grow in our Catholic faith, provide the Sacraments and walk with grieving families.

Thank you for your prayers and generous support of <<name of parish>>. If you need anything, please call me at <<phone number>> or email me at <<email>>. I care about you and miss you.

Yours in Christ,

<<Priest Printed Name>>