SAMPLE 3 EMAIL MESSAGE TO PARISHIONERS

**God Is With Us Always**

Dear <<Parishioner Name>>,

 For many of us this spring has been a challenge. Some of us may have experienced reduced hours or job loss, an illness of a loved one related to COVID-19 or anxiety from home schooling children. All of this may have really tested our faith.

 In Acts we hear the story of Saul’s dramatic conversion on the road to Damascus. Saul had been going his own way for a long time. He did not have faith. This is when God touched Saul’s heart. He believed in Christ’s resurrection and sharing in His suffering. Today, as we share in this suffering, we too, must remember God is walking with us every step of the way.

 Now more than ever we must cling to our Catholic faith and remain filled with hope. It is through faith we find peace, comfort and healing. During these turbulent 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.

 ***<<OPTIONAL PARAGRAPH>>***Praying isone way we can comfort each other and share the love of Jesus here at <<Parish Name>>. For the next month please remember <<Name of Family>> in your prayers. Know a parish family will also be praying for your family. Together, we will remain connected through prayer. This is a beautiful gift.

 Many of you who regularly give at Mass have mailed your check to us and for this I am grateful. More families are also using our secure online giving page at <<website link>> to make their gifts. Thank you for your continued generous support of our parish. With your support we have been able to maintain \_\_\_\_ percent of our offertory. What a wonderful blessing!

 Just like Saul may each of us say “Yes!” to God’s will and continue to reach out to one another with helping hands and the love of Jesus. Keep the faith alive! Please call me at <<phone number>> or email me at <<email>> if you need anything. I am praying for you.

 Yours in Christ,

 <<Priest Printed Name>>