

*St. Thomas Aquinas
Roman Catholic Church*

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Dear Parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish,

A big thank you to those who answered the parish financial SOS. Now the plan has to be to continue and intentionally be consistent with your stewardship.

Regarding Ash Wednesday, as of this writing the lockdown has been continued for another week and may end February 16. But they could extend it again depending on what color code we are in. If the church capacity increases I will have Ash Wednesday masses. It capacity is still at 10 people per mass then I will not.

It is important to remember that ashes are not a sacrament but a sacramental, a powerful symbol that we are dust and unto dust we shall return and to turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel.

These are the times God has given us to live and strive in and it is our challenge. In the meantime let us pray that our leaders focus more on controlling the virus than on controlling us. That they stop using arguments from authority which is the weakest and explain accurately the real, legitimate science. That they let the people worship, which is the natural thing to do in a crisis and ever more needful than ever. As Moses said to Pharaoh, "let my people go". Perhaps a good theme for Lent.

It might also be a good idea to read George Orwell's "1984".

Always in my prayers and sincerely in Christ,

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