
November 13, 2018

Dear Parishioners of St. Thomas More Church,

As your pastor, I am deeply saddened by the loss we have all experienced these last few days. It will continue to be a very rough time in the days and weeks ahead. I wanted you to know we are working as quickly as possible to reunite our church community. Surely you have seen that our beautiful church is still standing. The hall and rectory are gone. The school buildings are intact.

We have been working with the diocesan offices to help us set up a temporary operation in Chico. We will share that information with you as it becomes available but it appears we will soon have an office set up in the Newman Center.

Bishop Soto will be in Chico this weekend to say mass at St Johns, 8:00 am on Sunday. Additionally, he has posted a letter from his office to communicate with all St. Thomas More parishioners. You can find that on the Sacramento Diocese website: <https://www.scd.org>

We will try to keep the STM Facebook page and the STM website updated so be sure to check in there. Some people may not have emails so please pass this information along.

For the time being, I am staying in Redding at Our Lady of Mercy. Please know that we will rebuild our beautiful Paradise church family.

Until then, may God bless and protect you.

Father Godwin Xavier