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***I will not leave you orphans;
I will come to you. (John 14:18)***

Praise be Jesus Christ! He is talking to us in real time. Jesus will not leave you orphans. He is coming to you. Your longing to receive Him in the Eucharist pales before His yearning to dwell in your flesh and bones, your heart and soul. It has been too long in coming. Father Cosgrove and I are excited to open the doors and welcome you home!

While our parish church has been closed it has always remained our parish church. The Lord Jesus has made his dwelling there to steady and strengthen us. The sanctuary light was never extinguished. Mass was offered for you and for your intentions. Our dedicated staff prepared for your homecoming. The restrooms have been refreshed. Pews have been cleaned and sanitized. Floors and furniture, carpets and runners have been thoroughly cleaned. We are prepared to worship on safe and holy ground.

On Pentecost Sunday (May 31) our Upper Room will be on Fire! Our weekend Mass schedule remains the same. Our ministers will guide you through existing protocols. You are asked to wear your own mask or face covering while at Mass. Pews and aisles are taped to assist with social distancing. The Body of Christ will be offered at each Mass.

We have all experienced our need to be connected to the Lord and to another. We have learned to appreciate how social media can serve our mission. Good things happen here each day! My thanks to all who are sharing their personal and media skills with us. We will slowly and safely renew our mission of worship, education and service. Regretfully our Parish Summer Festival is cancelled. It has evolved into a community builder and necessary fundraiser. The Catholic Community Foundation is assisting parishes to explore future opportunities that would celebrate and support their mission.

Our parish mission is supported by the Sunday Offertory. My sincere thanks to all who are supporting our parish by consistent giving and special gifts. Online Giving is safe and secure. Please consider it and visit saintclare.net. Click on the link on our home page. Create an account. Schedule your recurring gifts. Offertory envelopes? Lock boxes will be at the doors of the church. Please continue to mail in or drop off at the mailboxes found at business office and rectory entrances. God bless you for your stewardship!

In a little while ... you will see me because I live and you will live. (John 14:18)

WELCOME HOME CHURCH OF SAINT CLARE!