

**St. Thomas of Villanova Parish  
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Greetings to you, beloved brothers and sisters and parishioners of St. Thomas of Villanova Parish,

As we gradually enter Alert Level 2, hoping for the re-opening of churches (places of Worship). I use this opportunity to thank you, dear parishioners for your support and prayers, and also extending my heartfelt concern of the inconveniences and feelings of this Pandemic (COVID-19) must have caused you and your loved ones. I join you in this and also share your feelings while praying for God's intervention/permanent solution.

In anticipation of the re-opening of our Church, I offer a heartfelt "Welcome back" message which Alert Level 2 brings. However, understanding the times we are in, the church will look different when you come back or re-open, people may not be able to sit where they always have, how we do things will be different, but if we all come with an open heart/mind we can adjust and continue to be strong, lively and lovely community we have always been.

Beloved parishioners, your physical and spiritual health and safety matter to us as a parish. So when you see some changes in the church/church buildings or parish office, please do understand and join us to keep ourselves, our brothers and sisters, our church and our visitors safe and healthy. For now, the church is not open except for Funerals, Weddings and Baptisms as permitted and within the health and safety guidelines. We shall communicate to you very soon, the time to re-open the church after putting some things in place.

Thanks for your understanding and remain blest in Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Love you in Christ  
Fr. Cosmas, SDV