(Parish Letterhead)

**Initial Letter**

(ideally to be sent to those who have been absent since the pandemic)

Dear <parishioner(s) first and last names>,

How are you?

I’m writing to you today to let you know that I, as your pastor, and the parishioners at <name of your parish> value you and your loved ones. Truly, you are a part of our family, and we have missed you at our Sunday or Saturday evening Masses and parish activities.

So, I would like to invite you to Mass this upcoming Sunday to worship with us. Masses are offered at <insert times for Saturday and Sunday>. I would appreciate having you back with us as part of our praying community, and I would like to hear what has been on your heart and mind during these past few years. Are you dealing with a difficulty that our parish can support you in some way?

There will be refreshments for all after Mass on <insert date>, so I hope you can join us. I’d personally like to hear how you are doing and how we, as your priest(s) and parish, can be available to you and your loved ones.

Sincerely in the love of Christ,

<insert pastor/priest(s) name(s)>