

Dear Parishioner,

I hope you and your loved ones are healthy and safe.

The past few months have been unprecedented. We've all been impacted by the shelter-in-place mandate, by the virus itself, and/or by the economic shutdown. I ask all members of our Mission Parishes community to pray for those who are suffering, and to pray that the financial needs of our parishioners and parish are met.

These past few months have also reaffirmed the kind of people we are and our tremendous sense of family at St. Peter, St. Anthony & St. Charles. I am greatly encouraged, but not surprised, by the goodness I have witnessed in our faith community.

I see our parishioners vividly demonstrating what it means to be a Catholic through countless examples of love, sacrifice, and outreach. The following are just a few ways members of our parish family have demonstrated their commitment to their fellow parishioners and to our faith:

- Contacting elderly parishioners, checking on neighbors, running errands, bringing groceries.
- Families attending Mass together online, gathering in virtual communities of support, praying the Rosary at home.

God bless you for all that you're doing. It inspires me, and it should be a great source of pride for all of us as Catholics.

These past few months have also been a time of uncertainty for parishes. We at Mission Parishes have been significantly disrupted by the pandemic. The limitations on Mass participation have impacted our sense of community, and there has been a 90% reduction in our weekly income.

Weekly giving (the Offertory) supports a variety of parish expenses such as priests' room, board, and salaries, parish staff salaries and benefits, utilities, buildings and grounds, general maintenance, Faith Formation, and various ministries.

The consequences of decreased income are severe. Our loss of income has placed a tremendous strain on our ability to operate and maintain our parish facilities. Critical parish programs, ministries, or staff hours could be curtailed or even eliminated.

I realize that many people are experiencing increased financial restrictions, so **I am especially thankful to all who have continued to support Mission Parishes during this time. Your generosity is vital to our parish's vitality and financial security.**

Today, I ask for your financial support of St. Peter, St. Anthony & St. Charles.

- those of you who reduced or suspended your contributions - I ask you to please resume your previous level of support, if you are in a position to do so.
- those of you not economically impacted by COVID-19 - I ask you to consider increasing your support to help us through this difficult period, if you are in a position to do so.

- those of you presently unable to contribute - please pray for us and for a future of vibrant liturgy, ministry, and service in our Mission Parishes community.

There are at least **five** ways you can give to Mission Parishes:

1. Contribute through the parish website www.missionparishes.com
2. Contribute through the Archdiocese website www.sfarch.org/lifeline (be sure to designate St. Peter, St. Anthony or St. Charles in the pull-down menu)
3. Mail in your envelope with a check (please don't mail cash)
4. Slip your envelope in the mailbox at the rectory or parish center
5. Call the office and we'll arrange to pick up your contribution.

On behalf of our parish staff members and all who benefit from your ongoing generosity, I thank you for your consideration of this request, your investment in our parish, and for all you do for our parish family.

It is your support – both financial and otherwise – that makes our Church so special and gives us faith in what is to come. We thank you, and we look with great anticipation to the day when we can all again celebrate Mass as one.

You and your family are in my prayers, and I hope that I am in yours.

Sincerely,



Rev. Moisés Agudo

Pastor