

Greetings!

~ Our Pastor's Message ~

We are all getting a bit antsy, wanting life to return to "normal" and there are murmurs from the Governor that, perhaps by May 15th, we can resume, with appropriate caution, some activities. My hope is that Pentecost, May 30, will be a time of the new spirit, but it is still too early to say what that will look like. Let us continue to pray that this Covid-19 is slowing down. We should also pray that a vaccine will soon be available to bring us even closer to what is normal.

Today, as I write this, is May 1st, the feast day of St. Joseph the Worker, who cared for his family by working daily to keep food on the table. Let us turn to him and the mother of Jesus to ask for the ability to return to work as soon as possible. We have all been reminded of how essential to our wellbeing is the gift of work. No doubt we have all relaxed some and enjoyed the slower pace. A new normal with these values, more relaxation, and slower pace of activity, is something we can take with us when we do return to our jobs.

We should also take with us a greater appreciation for all those people who are keeping things going during this hardship: those in the medical field, putting their lives on the line daily; those working in our grocery stores and on farms; the truck drivers who deliver food and other essentials; the mail carriers and UPS guys who stepped up to deliver those packages we ordered online. We should also be grateful for our teachers who have had to learn new methods of communication so as to keep educating our children. The list goes on and on. We need to pray in thanksgiving for these wonderful folks— thanking St. Joseph and asking his Son, Jesus, to help our world in this crisis.

It is important to remember that Jesus has not abandoned us. I recognize Him daily in your thoughtfulness. So many of you have remembered the needs of your parish: mailing in your envelopes, dropping them off in our mailbox, or contributing online. Others are concerned for our needy parishioners and have bought gift cards to help them with their needs or stepped up their donations to *Bread & Blessings*. Some have prepared meals for the "Fathers" and brought them by. Others call when they go to Costco to ask if we need anything. So many generous folks.

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"Whatever you do for one of these little ones of mine, you do for me." Remember, God is good all the time, all the time God is good. And God's goodness is in you. AMEN.

Let us all stay safe in His love,

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