

15 April AD 2020 *Easter Wednesday*

Dear Friends,

Happy Easter to each of you and your families and loved ones! I certainly hope this is the most unique Easter of my life. I cannot wait to be able to see each of you in church again, and hopefully very soon. We continue to be in a bit of a 'holding pattern,' awaiting direction from both the State and the Church authorities. In the meantime, we will continue to do our very best here to engage with you and continue the work of the Church: the salvation of souls. Following are a few points of interest for how we are working as best we can:

1) Our **parish website** (stjoemish.com) has a wealth of information and we have a special section which includes all of our COVID resources.

2) We continue to livestream **Sunday Mass** at 6 AM on our Facebook page (facebook.com/saintjoemish and this is also linked on our website). We include a link on the stream to a worship aid to help you follow along and participate (and this is also linked on the website). You do not need to have a Facebook account to see these since our page is public and *you can watch the recording anytime; it is not necessary to watch the stream live at 6 AM*. We continue to do the livestreamed Mass super early so that we can unlock the church doors for the remainder of the day for visits to the Blessed Sacrament. The church is open early to late every day 7 days per week.

3) **Confessions** are heard in the sacristy with appropriate social distancing and at special times (usually evening). Please call (255.6134 ext 1, then 2) or email (parish@stjoemish.com) Carol for the times (this is to monitor numbers appropriately).

4) For **Last Rites**, call anytime, day or night, and follow the prompt.

5) We *greatly appreciate* continued **sacrificial giving** during this time, whether online or by envelopes (you can mail, or drop them in the mailbox at the office, or slip through the mail slot of the rectory). We are fortunate to have been in a financially healthy position before all of this. For online giving, please visit osvonlinegiving.com/1253; you can do a one time or recurring gift, and from either a bank account or a credit card. Just be sure to specify the 'Fund' to which you are giving (two most obvious: Adult Collection and Capital Campaign).

6) While the **office building is closed**, we are all checking voicemail and email regularly.

7) Next up for **Capital Campaign** work will be the repair and repainting of the exterior church window frames. Other projects this Spring and Summer should include repainting all exterior wood on the Rectory and repairing the gutters on the rectory and office. While we had hoped to replace the church floor and refinish the pews this year, this was already going to be impossible before the COVID situation; so we have set our sights on just after the new year 2021 for these exciting projects.

Know of my prayers for you all, and my hope to see you very, very soon! Happy Easter!

St. Joseph, pray for us!

Father Chris