



Saint Joseph Catholic Church

*For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land
land with streams and pools of water, with springs
flowing in the valleys and mountains.
Deut. 8,7*

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Dear Friends and Benefactors:

This year 2020 will be an unforgettable one because the pandemic. It has affecting us all over the World in many different ways. We discovered how vulnerable we are and we have been affected personally or with someone close to us who became sick or die because of the Coronavirus. Many people are struggling with the lack of jobs and because they don't have enough income to survive and we were forced to reinvent ourselves and to learn things that we never thought we ever need.

In the other hand, as some people get despaired, others grow in their faith and many generous and heroic actions are seen everywhere and we become to understand that God's will is not the harm, illness or decease of anyone, but all the merciful actions that we may do to make a difference, as Jesus invited his Disciples to feed the multitude with only 5 loads and 2 fishes. What is this for so many? It is like Love... It is nothing at least that you share it.

Even if we continue working on the various ministries and Celebrating Masses outdoors and following all the protocols and restrictions, the income of the Parish has been affected in great manner as well as the budget of the Diocese of Stockton in order to provide assistance for the various ministries and services that cannot be avoided:

Formation of Seminarians, Deacons, Catechist, Different Ethnic Pastorals (Hispanic, Vietnamese, Philippine) Pastoral for the Youth, Family Counseling, etc.

This is why the Bishop's Ministry Appeal is requesting the faithful of every Parish of the Diocese to help as much as they can. The goal of Saint Joseph this year is \$23,541.00 that in normal time is very hard to reach and because the pandemic this year is even harder.

You may say: "Why should help to the Diocese of Stockton if I live in a different one?"

The reason is because our Parish of Saint Joseph in Mammoth Lakes, CA depends totally in the generosity of our Parishioners who are coming to visit us from distant places as yours.

Please, help us to help to the Bishop's Ministry Appeal, sending us your check by mail specifying BMA, Or you can make a one-time gift/pledge for the 2020 BMA calling the Development Office at 209 466 0636, or online at www.stocktondiocese.org/donate-to-bma

Thank you very much for your generous help and remember that you may participate in our Sunday Mass at noon in English and 6 p.m. in Spanish by You Tube or Facebook accessing the same address: mammothcatholicchurch

May God Bless you.

Fr. Jorge A. Román
PASTOR