

## St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church

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Hello Saint Joseph the Worker family,

I pray that you and your loved ones are healthy and have the resources you need amidst the current restrictions. We know these measures are designed to protect our wellbeing and that of our broader community and world.

For many of us, particularly when we're now told to stay home for weeks at a time, our initial reaction is to gather all we can and hunker down to weather the storm. As a Christian family of faith, this is also a time – perhaps the most important time – to consider our need for spiritual unity and the needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

### **Praying Together**

Though our family of families at Saint Joseph the Worker may be physically separated from one another right now, we are blessed with several ways we can unite in prayer and devotion. I encourage you to consider any number of the following:

1. Livestream Masses: [Weekend Masses from Holy Name Cathedral, Daily Masses from St. James Chapel](https://radiotv.archchicago.org/television/broadcast-masses) (<https://radiotv.archchicago.org/television/broadcast-masses>)
2. DUE TO THE OFFICIAL STAY AT HOME ORDER, THE CHAPEL AND CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

### **Giving Together**

Cancellation of Mass is leading to significant losses in our offertory income, which is placing all our ministries and operations at significant risk. Many people in our parish and community depend upon your regular, weekly offertory contributions and, during this current challenge, they are needed more than ever.

Please consider giving online at [stjosephworker.com](http://stjosephworker.com) where you can make a weekly offertory contribution to our Saint Joseph the Worker family and keep the vital ministries and services we provide going. We ask you to prayerfully consider maintaining your regular weekly donation level or even increasing it during these times.

If you prefer to make an offertory donation through cash or check, please drop off in our parish mail box next to the door of the parish office.

The fact that this pandemic is occurring during our Lenten journey offers each of us important reminders about the role of faith, hope and charity in our daily lives and in whom we place our trust. I believe we are being called by Jesus Christ to a renewed sense of solidarity. This is a time for unity in prayer, not for isolation; it is a time for hope, not despair; it is a time for generosity, not self-focus. “This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (Jn 13:35).

May God grant you peace during this difficult time and may He manifest His love and presence to you in abundant ways. If you have any concerns, please contact the Parish Office at 847-537-2740.

Thank you for your continued support of Saint Joseph the Worker Parish.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Father Jerzy Gawlik, SVD*

Pastor