

PASTOR'S REPORT - APRIL 13, 2021

- 1. In March we celebrated a funeral Mass for our business manager, Mr. Paul Sciacchitano, who died in Jacobi Hospital from health complications as well as the corona virus. Paul was a friendly and helpful staff member and he is missed. May he rest in peace.**
- 2. Gatherings of our senior citizens continue under the direction of Liz for the Rainbow Club on Thursdays and Sister Patty for the Thursday Bingo and Social Activities. Thank you to both for their service.**
- 3. Meetings for parents whose children will receive Communion and Confirmation in the Spring. There will be limited seating due to the corona restrictions.**
- 4. The children in the elementary school, the religious education program and Villa were given the opportunity for Confession in preparation for Holy Week. Students on remote could come to confession on Saturdays.**
- 5. Reconciliation Monday was well-received. The three priests heard confessions almost non stop from 4 to 7 pm in church. Many people mentioned that they were returning to Mass after a year away.**
- 6. Practice was held for adults in the RCIA program thanks to Deacon & Mrs. Vazquez. 2 adults were baptized, one couple celebrated a marriage convalidation, 3 adults confirmed and 2 received First Holy Communion. We still have 2 candidates for Confirmation and marriage convalidation during the Easter Season.**
- 7. Holy Week services were modified due to corona but the celebrations were well-received. Attendance at Holy Thursday about 180; Good Friday English about 150 and Spanish about 90; Stations of the Cross about 50 at 7:30 pm; Easter Vigil had about**

200 people and Easter Sunday brought about 1000 to the Masses. Many thanks to readers, musicians, choir members, maintenance and church volunteers for preparing so many dimensions of our Holy Week services.

- 8. Easter Gifts amounted to about \$16,000; Flower Collection about \$3500. These collections remain open until May. Parishioners have been incredibly generous and supportive. Thank you. Alleluia.**
- 9. Stations of the Cross on Fridays and Saturdays had small attendances between 15 and 20 people.**
- 10. Divine Mercy Chaplet was celebrated on Sunday, April 11 with a period of prayer, bi-lingual novena prayer and Benediction.**
- 11. Several of our societies have resumed their meetings according to corona restrictions.**
- 12. We need to plan for election of officers for the Parish Council. New officers were not selected last June due to corona and the senior officers graciously agreed to serve another year during the pandemic.**
- 13. Thanks to the ladies of the Social Action Committee a successful SOCK COLLECTION and DIAPER COLLECTION were organized for the needy. The Sisters of Charity received the SOCK COLLECTION and the Sisters of Life received the DIAPER COLLECTION. They were very grateful for our collections here at SFdC. What's next?**