

# Saints Mary & Joseph Parish

March 22, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Lent

*Our Mission Statement:*

*Discover God's Love so we might Love God, Love Others, and  
Grow as a Community of Disciples.*

## Mary Queen of Peace Church

200 Lawrence Road  
Salem, NH 03079

MASS:

Sat: 4:00pm

Sun: 9:30am w/KidsChurch

Sun: 11:00am

Mon: 9:00am (May—October)

RECONCILIATION:

Sat: 3:00pm—3:50pm

or by appointment

## St. Joseph Church

40 Main Street  
Salem, NH 03079

MASS:

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 7:15am

Sun 7:30am & 5:00pm

Rosary prior to daily mass 6:45am

## Parish Office

603-893-8661

200 Lawrence Road, Salem, NH

Fax: 603-890-0292

Mon-Thu 9:30am-2:30pm

Fri 9:30am-12:30pm by appt.

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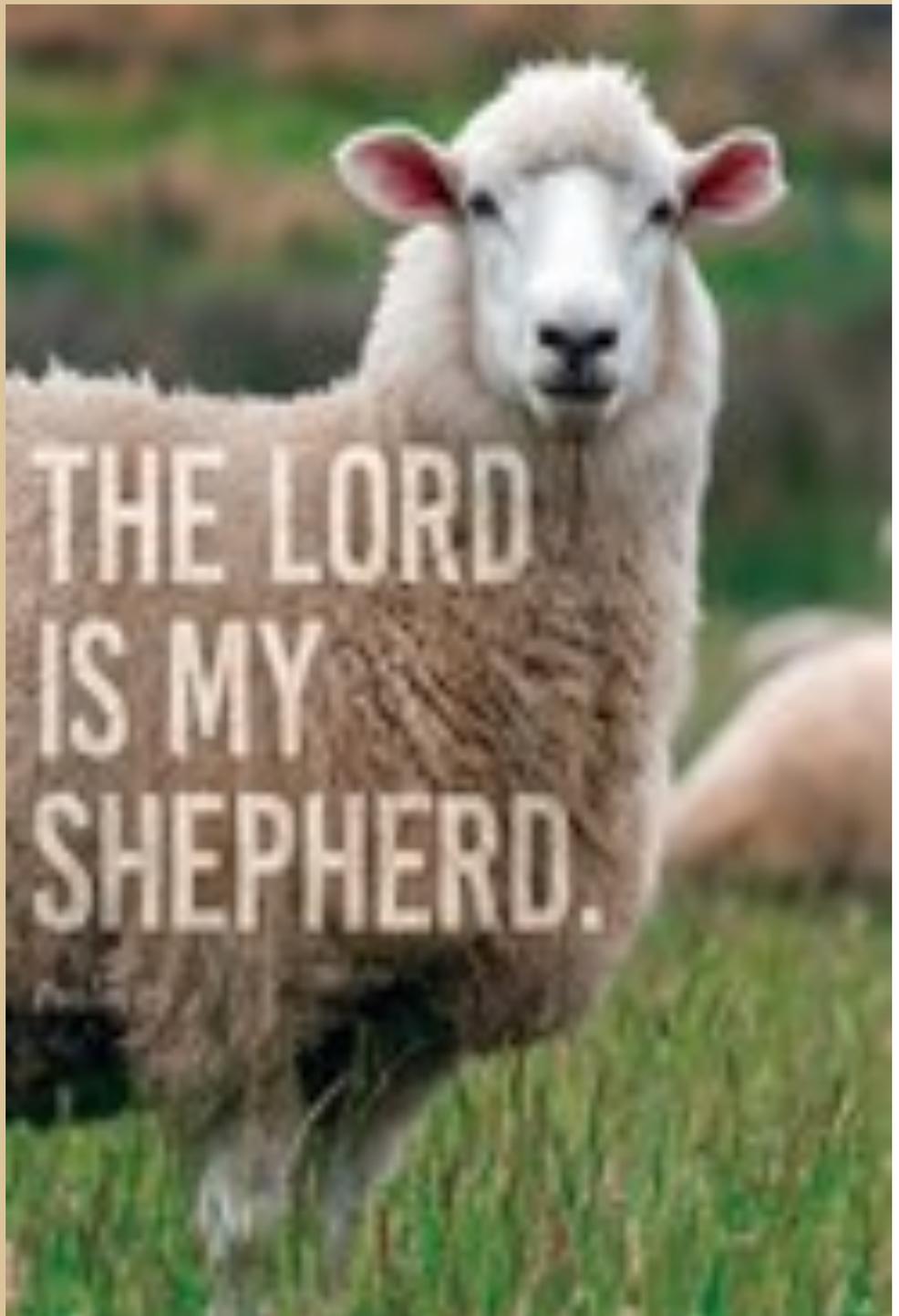
Website:

[www.saintsmaryandjoseph.org](http://www.saintsmaryandjoseph.org)

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“In the Catholic tradition, **Passiontide** calls for a heightened awareness of the Lenten sacrifice by covering the crucifixes, artwork, statues and other beautiful reflections of the faith throughout the church. This time is a visual reminder of many important elements regarding Christ’s ultimate sacrifice for humanity. Passiontide falls during the last two weeks of Lent and the images are covered in strict preparation for the Triduum, which consists of three days: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil.

The veiling of the sacred images during Passiontide is a representation of the darkness without faith. Without the invisible made visible, the Incarnation and Christ’s Life, Passion, Death and Resurrection, there would be no saints, no Mass, no Christmas, no Easter, no feasts or celebrations. By shrouding the sacred images for these couple of weeks before Easter, we are encouraged *to imagine the bleakness of a world without Christ’s Sacrifice on the Cross* and focus on the great gift of Life the Passion bestowed on humanity.

At the Easter Vigil, the veils are removed and the sacred images revealed once again. New light and new life is brought into the church to inspire new hope. Like so many traditions, the veiling of the images represents a connection between the temporal and eternal; life on earth, dim and clouded versus life in heaven with God and the saints, which is bright and beautiful.”

Canning Liturgical Arts Co.

## Public Masses Suspended Until Further Notice

Dear Parishioners,

Because of the Coronavirus, the Diocese of Manchester has taken a drastic and unprecedented step to restrict the celebration of Mass for the general public, as we are now prohibited from gathering in groups of more than 10. **Please know that I will continue to celebrate a private Mass in order to satisfy the intentions that have been requested for each Mass.**

With this extraordinary move, we are fulfilling the directive of our bishop that Masses and the Eucharist continue to be celebrated for the intentions of all the faithful, and, remain compliant with the guidelines set forth by our President and the CDC to limit the number of people in any one gathering to 10.

While no one will be able to attend Mass, everyone, including the home bound and hospitalized, will be included in my prayer at each Mass. Know that I am praying for you, your families and our whole parish, community, country and world. Please let us pray for one another.

*The obligation to attend Mass is suspended during the time of these unfortunate circumstances.*

*The church will remain open as much as possible for individual and private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle. (At Mary Queen of Peace during regular office hours by entering through the office, and at St. Joseph Church from 8:00am until 2:00pm through the front doors.)*

*Please check back frequently to know when the church will be unlocked for public masses again. Thank you for your patience as we deal with this difficult and humble situation. Our God is Alive!*

*Please note: Effective immediately, the daily Mass is suspended. St. Joseph, patron of the Diocese and our parish, protect us!*

Father Vincent



**Family-to-Family Easter Basket Project** Since there are no masses, you can call the office and **go to ext. 131, leave your contact information, and Kellie will get back to you.** The information she gives will include family size and suggestions of items to include in the basket. Alternatively, if you would like to adopt a family, you can email Kellie Lavoie at [kjlavoie73@gmail.com](mailto:kjlavoie73@gmail.com) and the family info will be emailed to you. All baskets need to be **dropped off at Mary Queen of Peace on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> between 9 – 11am.** Thank you for your continued generosity and giving spirit.

**Stations of the Cross:** Wednesdays at Mary Queen of Peace Church at NOON **Have been Suspended.** We are trying to adhere to the recommendations from the Bishop and other local and federal agencies to minimize the risks associated with spreading the Coronavirus— Covid-19. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

All non-essential meetings and programs in the parish have been suspended until further notice.



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Youth Happenings: All group events are held at Youth Center, 40 Main St., Salem, NH, Behind St. Julie Hall  
Unless stated otherwise.



## Faith Formation Upcoming Schedules:

To help minimize the spreading impact of Covid-19, Kidschurch, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Faith Formation classes and Sunday and Monday youth ministry are suspended until further notice...  
As advised by the Bishop's office, we will be looking to provide you with at-home enrichment online.

### A Faith Response to the Coronavirus

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The coronavirus outbreak is stirring up anxiety, confusion, and major inconveniences. It is a situation in which we can easily overreact or underreact. How can our faith tradition guide and comfort us through this troubling time? A good starting point is to remember that the most repeated phrase in the Bible is "Do not be afraid!" or "Have no fear!" God probably sends us this message so frequently because fear is such a big part of human nature. Fear can alert us to dangers in our lives to keep us safe, but fear can also lead us astray, toward selfish responses.

#### Enough for Everyone

Of course, we see these same dynamics play out in Scripture, where fear leads to hoarding. The consistent message we hear in the Bible is that we need to trust in God, who will provide enough for everyone. The problems come when people begin to take more than they need.

Fear of the coronavirus has caused some to stockpile and hoard unreasonable amounts of hand sanitizer, face masks, and other supplies against the recommendations of leaders. The problem is that this wipes out supplies for those who truly need them the most—health care workers and those most vulnerable to the disease—without really making the buyers safer.

#### Protect the Vulnerable

Scripture and the social teachings of the church remind us again and again that we—as individuals and a society—must protect and give priority to those who are most vulnerable and at risk. We see this from the laws in the Old Testament that looked out for the poor and the widows, to Jesus' embrace of people on the margins of society, to the early church's adamant support of those who had less. The Bible urges us to put those who are most at risk first.

In the midst of the coronavirus, the vulnerable take many forms. Most obvious are those who are elderly or have other health conditions that make them most susceptible to illness. Those who are younger may not be concerned about our own health risks, but if we help pass on the virus, it can be a life-or-death situation for others.

Others are financially vulnerable and do not have the flexibility to take sick leave that many of us take for granted. That puts them in a difficult situation when they become ill and may have to choose between putting their job at risk and staying home to protect others. Likewise, many parents do not have the flexibility to stay home when school is canceled for their children. The situation is impacting many others, such as small business owners who may already be on shaky financial ground.

#### A Spirit of Sacrifice

This health crisis is challenging many of us to make sacrifices in our lives. Some are huge, such as those made by exhausted health care workers around the world, desperately trying to keep patients alive (while avoiding the illness themselves). Other sacrifices fall more in the category of inconveniences. It is inconvenient when events are canceled, schools close, and travel is limited. It is inconvenient to wash our hands intentionally and regularly.

But this kind of sacrifice is at the very center of our faith. Every time we gather around the Lord's Table, we celebrate the powerful way Christ showed us how to love others. He sacrificed *everything* in self-giving love for us, and he invited us to do the same. In turn, we die to ourselves—through inconveniences and more—in order to love those around us. Truly loving others will always cost us something.

Actions that may not entirely make sense to us can have huge effects. Scientists point to the 1918 flu when St. Louis proactively and aggressively closed its schools to prevent infections. Death rates in the city were about one third those in Pittsburgh, which was much slower to close its schools. Thousands of lives were saved.

We may grumble about or resist changing our habits, especially if it's unclear what's in it for us. But we need to remember that many of these actions are more about protecting others. Perhaps the invitation amidst this crisis is to embrace the inconveniences fully, and then move *beyond* them to seek out the best ways to serve those who are most in need.

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**Our parish currently has two part time openings: Pastoral Minister and Pastoral Coordinator.** Each position is approximately 20 hours per week. Candidates should be willing to work nights and weekends, have excellent communication skills as well as strong computer skills.

Interested and qualified applicants should send a resume to Fr. Vincent at [onunkwo2001@yahoo.com](mailto:onunkwo2001@yahoo.com)

The general duties for each follow, but are not limited to these duties.

**Pastoral Minister** – lead high school youth group; coordinate Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA); assist in Faith Formation; coordinate Safe Environment Program ensuring adherence to Diocesan policies for all employees and volunteers; participate in weekly staff meetings.

**Pastoral Coordinator** – staff Liturgy of Word for Children; handle all aspects of Baptismal registrations and planning; coordinate coffee & donuts after 9:30 and 11:00am masses; find EM's to bring communion to homebound; coordinate leaders of Stations of Cross and soup during Lent; coordinate Christmas Giving Tree and Family-to-Family food baskets at Thanksgiving & Easter; coordinate HarvestFest and some fundraiser events; participate in weekly staff meetings.

### Are You A Parishioner??

Sometimes, because we attend mass here and participate in different ministries, we assume that we are parishioners. Or, because we have received some of the sacraments here we assume that we are automatically made a parishioner. That is a very common assumption. After all, why wouldn't we be considered a parishioner? Of course, we welcome everyone into our community! But, if you are not receiving mail from the parish, or envelopes if that is how you choose to donate, then you are probably not registered as a parishioner. **It is up to you to fill out a parish registration form and make it official!**

The process is simple: you provide us with some information about yourself and your family, like name(s), address, contact information and whether or not you want to use envelopes or donate online. You can go to the parish website to fill out a form ([saintsmaryandjoseph.org](http://saintsmaryandjoseph.org)) or fill out a paper form and put it in the offertory or bring it to the office. Becoming a parishioner makes it easier for us to identify you and family members as a member of our parish community.

There are **many benefits** for you **when you register in a parish**. In addition to us having information in case of an emergency, other parishes ask for verification if you are asked to become a godparent or confirmation sponsor. It also helps if you are applying for awards or scholarships. If you are not sure, call the parish office (603-893-8661) and we will verify your status for you!

**Vocation Awareness:** "The Lord looks on the heart." Are you being called to do the deeds of Christ as a priest or in the consecrated life, proclaiming the reign of the loving mercy of God our Father?" Call Father Matthew Mason 663-0132, or write: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).

““Repent”, in other words, “Change your life” (Mt 4:17), for a new way of living has begun. The time when you lived for yourself is over; now is the time for living with and for God, with and for others, with and for love.”

[Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex](#)

**Honduran Update** All through the 27 years of mission teams and trips to Honduras I felt that the team would always be making plans, collecting supplies and raising money. **Sadly that came to an end in 2020 with this past trip.** I have been proud to take so many with me and have so many others helping me gather supplies and supporting our teams each year. It has been a mission of love for sure, but the amount of work to pull it all off has gotten to be too much even for an old pro. The Honduran mission team will still do a few fundraisers (recycling bins, bake sale at Mack's Apples and the sale of gift cards) so that we can continue to take care of the special needs child, the young boy with cerebral palsy and help with tutoring for the children at the orphanage. Sadly, the mission trips are ending. Thank you all for the support and encouragement you have given me through the years! Mary Roy

### 20th Anniversary Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference

Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to this important 20th Anniversary Conference, scheduled for **Assumption College on Saturday, March 28**. Visit the conference website at [www.firstmensconf.org](http://www.firstmensconf.org) for information and to purchase tickets online and elsewhere. For a Conference brochure, further information or registration, call Joan DeMasi at 508-929-4345. **Adult tickets are \$45 until March 11th, afterwards \$60.**

During the week of March 23, volunteers from **St. Mary Mission in Lancaster, Pennsylvania**, will be in the area to **pick up used religious items** that are no longer wanted or needed. If you are doing spring cleaning and have items to donate, please **let the office know**, but do NOT bring them to the office! We have no storage, but will arrange for a pick-up.

### ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating an anniversary in 2020 of **10, 15, 20, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 55+ years**, to attend the **Spring Wedding Anniversary Mass**. This celebration will be held on **Sunday, April 19, 2020 at 2:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester**. To register, please contact your parish office **by March 20, 2020**. The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information. Couples celebrating anniversaries of **5, 25, or 50 years** will be asked to **register later for a fall celebration**.

**Operation Pet Therapy** - Join our parish as we collect stuffed animals that will be given to all the residents of SalemHaven. Stuffed animals can be dropped off in the **Family Room at St. Joseph campus and in the vestibule at Mary Queen of Peace campus**. Please, donate only **NEW or VERY GENTLY USED** stuffed animals. They must be brought to the parish by March 29. We will not save any that are dropped off after that date. Thank you for making the residents of SalemHaven smile.

Upcoming Parish Activities

Parish Information:

New Parishioners We welcome you to our Parish! Please register on our website: saintsmaryandjoseph.org or at the Parish Office.

Baptisms Please call the parish office at 893-8661.

Communion or Sick Calls A Priest or Eucharistic Minister will be happy to arrange a visit at your home or hospital. Please call Maryanne at the Office at 893-8661.

Marriages Couples please call the parish office at 893-8661 x101 for an appointment at least six months prior to the date of your marriage.

Food Pantry 893-8661 x131 Pantry Hours Every Friday 11:30am to 12:30pm at St. Joseph Campus. Salem residents can visit the Pantry every four weeks. Please call by Thursday Noon for Friday pick-up.

Prayer Line We are 35-40 families that pray for those who have died and those struggling with health issues or any kind of discord in their families. Requests for prayer are sent to prayers by first name only to preserve family privacy. Call Melanie at 603-893-6763 or Lee at 603-898-1927. Email requests can be sent to greeleykid@msn.com BUT must have the word "prayer" in the subject line!!!

Parish Staff: 893-8661 Fr. Vincent Onunkwo.....Administrator onunkwo2001@yahoo.com x106 Jay Cormier.....Deacon jaycormier@comcast.net David Costello.....Deacon greeleykid@msn.com XXXX .....Pastoral Minister pm@saintsmaryandjoseph.org x103 Sue Levesque.....Family Faith Formation ff@saintsmaryandjoseph.org x107 Carol Kater.....Finance Director ckatermqp@comcast.net x102 Maryanne Murach....Bulletin/Admin x101 bulletin@saintsmaryandjoseph.org officeadmin@saintsmaryandjoseph.org

NH Knights of Columbus: "In service to one, In service to all." SCTV #17: An appropriate topic Airing 3/23- 3/25/20 Mondays 8:00pm Tuesday & Wednesday 2:00pm

Easter Flower envelopes are at the church entrances. List the names of deceased loved ones on the envelope and place in the offertory for remembrance at a special mass after Easter.

The Interfaith Choir will be presenting "A little bit of this and a little bit of that" musical program on Sunday, April 5 at 4:00pm at Mary Queen of Peace Church. Admission is FREE and light refreshments will be available after the concert.

Dancing Through the Ages" Food Pantry Fundraiser The Salem Lions Club is sponsoring a Dance for Hunger aerobics class: "Dancing through the Ages" on Saturday, March 28 from 10:00am—11:00am at the Woodbury Middle School. (Plan on arriving at 9:30am for registration.) Sponsorship forms are at the church entrances and on our website. Donations are also welcome! Proceeds to benefit four community pantries, including SMJP food pantry.

"Our parish night at the Cor Unum Food Kitchen is Thursday, March 26. Please consider volunteering as a Lenten offering. We are called to serve others, and this is a perfect and rewarding opportunity to do Christ's work. Volunteers are asked to arrive by 4:15pm. The parish coordinators, Rich and Dru Fitzgerald, will not be there this month as they will be on vacation. However, if you have any questions, please call Dru at 508-843-4103. Thank you for your consideration."

Chrism Mass The Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci joyfully invites you to the Chrism Mass on Tuesday, April 7 at 6:00 in the evening at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester. All are welcome to attend this Mass. Go to www.catholicnh.org/chrism to learn more about the Chrism Mass or call the Office of Worship at 603-663-0153.

The Bereavement Support Group will be meeting monthly beginning March 12th and continuing the second Thursday of each month. We are planning to have a number of guest speakers and this will ensure that there will be a significant audience. If "one on one" bereavement is needed, appointments can be scheduled. For questions, call Linda at 603-893-6061.

Year-End Tax Statements Call 893-8661 x 101 for Maryanne or email office admin@ saintsmaryandjoseph org Statements will be mailed out on Fridays for requests made during that week. Thank you for your cooperation!

Upcoming Neighboring Parish Events

Table with 4 columns: Event Name, Description, Date/Time, and Contact Info. Includes Holy Family Academy, Gianna's Place at The Event Center, and Raeanna Williams.

## Mass Intentions

### St. Joseph

**Sunday, March 22**

**7:30a** Thomas F. Skehan r/b Joe & Martha Lessard ; Ed Kulesz r/b Melanie & David Costello  
**5:00p** Pro Populo—The People of the Parish

**Monday, March 23**

**7:15a** Intentions of Olivia r/b Parish Staff

**Tuesday, March 24**

**7:15a** All Soul's Intentions

**Thursday, March 26**

**7:15a** All Soul's Intentions

**Friday, March 27**

**7:15a** Arthur Berube r/b The Family

**Sunday, March 29**

**7:30a** Ed Kulesz r/b St. Joseph Choir; Margaret Maiocchoi r/b St. Joseph Choir

**5:00p** Janis Conlan r/b Her Family; James & Esther Fitzgerald r/b Mark & Theresa Berube; Tony Morin r/b Denise Beauregard

### Mary Queen of Peace

**Saturday, March 21**

**4:00p** Gino Digirolamo r/b Connie Zaccardi; Robert LaChance r/b Melanie & David Costello; Marilyn Fennell r/b Husband, Bill Fennell

**Sunday, March 22**

**9:30a** Nieves Cannon r/b Vicenti Family; James Covey r/b Melanie & David Costello

**11:00a** John Lavin r/b Lavin Family

**Saturday, March 28**

**4:00p** Pro Populo—People of the Parish

**Sunday, March 29**

**9:30a** Joseph Remillard r/b Melanie & David Costello; Brian Regan r/b Melanie & David Costello; Jim Covey r/b Joan & Charlie Espinola

**11:00a** Patrick Finnegan r/b Melanie & David Costello; David Baillargeon r/b Jackie Baillargeon; Theresa Newcomb r/b her daughter Janet Childs



**Eternal Light/Sanctuary Candle** is burning this week at St. Joseph for **Intentions of Sarah** by Atonement Band and at Mary Queen of Peace for **John Lavin** by Lavin Family.

### Rest in Peace

We pray for **Rosanna Bourdelais Dargoonian** who died recently. May their families be comforted by loving memories of them and by hope in Christ's promise of the resurrection.

## Parish Events

Out of an abundance of Caution regarding the highly contagious COVID-19 virus:

**Sunday March 22**

**KidsChurch, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Faith Formation classes and Sunday & Monday youth ministry programs** are being suspended until further notice. As advised by the Bishop's office, at-home enrichment opportunities will be provided.

**Monday March 23**

**Choirs, Choruses**, multiple musicians are suspended at all Masses till further Notice.

**Tuesday March 24**

All non-essential programs & activities are suspended.

**Wednesday March 25**

All non-essential programs & activities are suspended.  
7:00pm AA/MQP— Main Hall

**Thursday March 26**

All non-essential programs & activities are suspended.

**Friday March 27**

All non-essential programs & activities are suspended.

**Saturday March 28**

8:00am Bible Study/Virtual meeting via computer/online

All non-essential programs & activities are suspended.

**Vigilance is necessary regarding the Coronavirus  
Wash your hands often!**

**SAVE THE DATE:** Volunteer Appreciation Night is Tuesday, April 28 at 6:00pm in SJRCS Au-



### Parish Giving

**March 14 & March 15, 2020**

(\*Our goal is \$11,000.00 each week.)

Envelopes \$4,660.00

Loose \$1,374.00

On-Line \$1,586.00

\* **Total \$ 7,620.00**

### 2nd Collections for March

3/22 Catholic Relief

*Please consider adding Saints Mary & Joseph Parish to your will, or in your annual tax relief.*

**Did you know?** If you are 72 or older and need to take a "required minimum distribution (RMD)" from an IRA retirement account, a direct distribution to a qualified charitable organization, such as our parish, can save you money on your taxes. Such a donation will count toward your required minimum distribution but will be excluded from taxable income. Ask your tax preparer or IRA trustee for the details.