

SS. PETER & PAUL *Church*

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SS. Peter and Paul Parish Faith, Trust and Resiliency

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Dear SS. Peter & Paul Family,

As we continue to navigate these uncertain times, I write to tell you that you are in my prayers, and that I miss seeing you in person at SS. Peter & Paul. I also want to inform you of the parish's financial status. Each year around this time we provide our financial report to you, our Faithful. This year, however, it's particularly important that you are aware of the financial situation we are facing and the ways we are trying to minimize the impact to continue to serve our Parish community.

The pandemic has resulted in financial hardship for individuals, families, organizations, and faith communities, including SS. Peter & Paul. An outline of our performance last year compared to budget and this year's budget is on the back side of this letter. In summary, we had an operating loss of \$23,000 for the fiscal year that just ended in June, and at our current operating levels we also anticipate a potential operating loss of approximately \$135,000 this year. Please note that the current budget was developed before knowing we would not be able to gather together for this extended period of time.

To minimize expenses while continuing to serve the many needs of our parish, the staff, finance council and I are trying to be as creative as possible. We have been streaming Mass online since the start of the pandemic in mid-March, and since the middle of July we have been holding outdoor Mass twice on Sundays. Other liturgical services such as baptisms, first communions, confirmations, confessions and funerals all continue, but with several modifications exercising the appropriate precautions. Adult and Youth programs continue online and Faith Formation has implemented an innovative Faith at Home program for our younger parishioners to keep them engaged in their faith. We have continued to provide important updates through the Parish website, through Facebook Live, and many other services continue in imaginative yet safe ways. If you are in need of assistance, please let us know by calling the parish office at (916) 624-5827 or by sending an email to parishoffice@rocklincatholic.org. Also, if you haven't seen our daily reflections section on the parish website at <https://rocklincatholic.org/daily-reflections>, I would encourage you to take a look. These reflections, written by a variety of parishioners are a nice way to see another person's perspectives of how the Lord's presence is among us – something we can all benefit from right now.

In these past months I continue to be asked, "How are you doing, Father?" with clear care and concern for my well-being. I want you to know that "I am fine", largely in part because of our great staff and you, my parish family. It is you that keeps me resilient. I have faith and trust in our Lord indeed, but I also have faith and trust in all of you, knowing that through your ongoing generosity we are going to be okay. Whether it is through individual donations, or your weekly offertory by mail, while attending outdoor mass or online at <https://rocklincatholic.org/giving>, we greatly appreciate any amount you offer.

I look forward to when we can joyously return and celebrate as one SS. Peter and Paul family together again. Until then, may peace be with you.

With God's Blessings,

Fr. Bony Arackal

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