

March 25, 2020

Dear Parishioners in Christ,



Scripture is boldly telling us NOT to fear. God is with us—even through pandemics. We also need to exercise prudence, responsive and NOT act in ways that cause others to stumble (*second greatest commandment*) . The world needs a reasonable and calm witness—one that is intelligent and vigilant without falling prey to panic; for this we need the peace that we find in Christ.

1) Fr. Patrick and I gather for Mass each morning for our Parish community, to include the personal intentions (Mass Intentions). Please know that we will continue to receive your Mass Intention request by email: olmc.gem@gmail.com (*Your stipends for Mass Intention request can be mailed to the Parish Office*).

1) Obviously, due to the suspension of Masses (Daily and Weekend), our donations have drastically plummeted. However, through our current Online Givers we are still continuing to receive them—in lower proportions than what we usually receive in order to operate. We THANK our current Online Givers who have met their weekly offertories.

2) Those who are receiving their weekly envelopes through the U.S mail, may do the following:

A) If you can financially continue your tithing - in place of the individual envelopes, please consider mailing-in your donations with one combined check (i.e. Weekly Offertory Fund, Capital Improvement Fund, Good Friday, Easter Gift, and the like). For your tax-deduction benefit, please indicate the amounts for each fund donated by listing the individual amount on a separate note.

B) If all possible, create an “Online Giving” account by visiting our website by: (*please contact the Parish Office for any issues with creating an Online-Giving account*).

i. Visit our website: www.ourladyofmtcarmelfairfieldca.org

ii. Click-on: GIVE Online!

iii. Create an account.

iv. Navigate to choose the Fund. Give!

4) Our Sunday Bulletins can easily be located on our website. Having said that — you will find reflections, prayers, your Mass Intention request(s), and anything pertaining to our Parish community at large.

5) As your Pastor, Fr. Patrick, your Parochial Vicar and Deacon Raymond, we continue to pray for you, our health officials, scientists—who are working to care and respond for those afflicted from this COVID-19 virus. We also pray for our President, Donald J. Trump, our Vice President Pence, and other world leaders to come together as one, to combat this invisible enemy so that our lives may be restored. Moreover, let us be “peacemakers” who empower others to have abundant life in Christ.

Pace e bene,

Fr. David A. Fontaine, O. Carm., Pastor