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March 19, 2020
+Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary

Dear parishioners of St. Charles and St. Patrick,

"Ite ad Joseph." -Gen 41:55

"Go to Joseph." These are not only the words in the Old Testament of the Pharaoh to the people of Egypt during the time of famine, but it is also the advice of great saints like [St. Teresa of Avila](#), who looked to Joseph of the New Testament, the husband of Mary, as a tremendous intercessor in any need and for deliverance from any evil. We ask for St. Joseph's prayers and protection on this, his feast day, especially during our current pandemic.

As the shocking reality of suspended public Masses and other parish offerings begins to sink in, I promised to share various opportunities with you all to stay spiritually fed and united. Here are a few:

- 1) [Pope Francis](#) has asked the Catholic Church throughout the world to pray together the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary at 4pm EST today (9pm Rome time). I invite you to join us on [Facebook Live](#) for the rosary on our parish Facebook page.
- 2) We will be filming a private Mass from St. Charles and posting it on [our parish website](#) early Sunday morning.
- 3) Our seminarian intern, Matt Jakupco, has compiled a great resource list (which is attached), that will assist you in practicing the faith each day at home. I highly encourage you to look at all that is offered.
- 4) Lastly, I humbly raise to your awareness that our parish financial stability is determined entirely by your weekly contributions. Having public Masses suspended for multiple weekends will undoubtedly set us back in a serious way. The extent of how quickly the parish will rebound after this virus will depend upon your financial support in the interim. Please don't forget your parish, and consider mailing your envelopes each week to our parish office. Or even easier, I invite you to enroll in eGiving through Faith Direct, if you haven't already. Please visit the following website to enroll: [faith.direct/IN1029](#) (St. Charles) or [faith.direct/IN1028](#) (St. Patrick). God bless you for your kindness to us.

As always, keep the sick and the poor in your prayers, as well as healthcare workers and others working tirelessly to assist those in need.

St. Joseph, Husband of Mary and Foster Father of Jesus, pray for us!
Under the Mercy,
Father Haan