

**HAPPY BLESSED THANKSGIVING!**

With grateful hearts, we began this 2020 with a special visit from Superior General Arturo Sosa, S.J. who met at Blessed Sacrament with the Directors of Works and Superiors of the Southern CA Region of the Jesuits West Province. His reflection on the four Universal Apostolic Preferences prophetically prepared us for an unprecedented year of 2020. His emphasis on spirituality, care, collaboration, and community served as the core of Blessed Sacrament's principles as we walked together through the multiple pandemics experienced this year.



Thanksgiving appreciation to the Pastoral Team, Ministry Coordinators, Board Members, Council Advisors, our school administrators Rachel Kolbeck and Fr. J.T. Tanner, S.J., faculty, parents, students and to each parishioner who demonstrated profound faith, flexibility and creativity in transcending one challenge after another. Here are just a few initiatives reflecting how our parish community lived the Apostolic Preferences in response to this Pandemic year:

- Spirituality - Earlier this year, Ignatian Spiritual Exercises were launched by the Pastoral Team as well as in Spanish by Fr. Augusto Berrio, S.J. & Mercedes Cortes. Then the Los Angeles Jesuits West Region collaborated in Ignatian Spiritual Exercises led by Fr. Ike Udoh, S.J., Loyola High & Dolores Mission. Fr. Frank Buckley, S.J. guided on Facebook daily meditations. Carole Kozeracki, Ellen Christen and Alycia Belle engaged alumni in monthly Jesuit Alumni Masses with guest speakers and a book club.
- Care of the Neglected- Genevieve's Garden, created by Bro. Henry Perez, fed lunch to hundred's of homeless while Nancy Stellos, Fr. Leo Prengaman, S.J. and Jan Sooter continued the Food Pantry established since 1994. The Center operated a 90 room residence for homeless seniors as part of #projectroomkey.
- Arrupe Delegates introduced CORE (Collaborative Organizing for Racial Equity), a movement embedded in spiritual exercises and in works such as LA Voice community organizing with legislative influences conducting thousands of phone bank calls & contacts that encouraged people to vote in the national election and on issues affecting the marginalized.
- Young Adults - Pedro Marroquín accompanied young adults and youth in the "Great Outdoors," nightly rosaries on zoom, redesign & development of the parish website and communications needs.
- Environment - With outdoor liturgies, the Liturgy Leadership Committee, Dr. Sara Shakliyan's Music Ministry and Production Team along with the Wellness Ministry blended the beauty of the school and campus grounds into safe, inviting, well-designed Masses and sacrament celebrations.

The Pastoral Team unceasingly expresses "Thank you" to our dear Parish Community for enabling us to see Jesus in one another especially throughout this year of joys, sorrows, re-imagination and grace.

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