

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
PAC Virtual Zoom Meeting  
February 18, 2021, 7:00 PM

Opening Prayer – Fr. Tom

Agenda Items:

SJS Update – the school is doing well, with admissions up for next school year, and a growing wait list. Admissions are higher than pre-Covid with 10 – 11% of applicants Non-Catholic and that is usually the case each year. Catholic school's week was successful, although cut short due to weather. The school did a diaper drive and food drive for St. Lucy and a winter coat drive for Link. The Talent show was virtual and was shown during morning prayer time. The Bishop will be coming to St. Joseph on March 5<sup>th</sup> and will be celebrating the School Mass at 9:30a.m.

Financial update –

- Church - 60% of people who receive envelopes are currently not using them. Offertory collections are down 15% and the total parish income is down 26% compared to last year? However, prudent cost control measures have resulted in a YTD operating income surplus.
- School – enrollment has remained strong and there is a high demand for new enrollment for 2021-2022 school year. Contracts for new student acceptance have been released for next year. Tuition income is covering all school expenses. Parish subsidy has not been required for YTD operations.
- SJS' 2 accounts in the Diocesan Foundation have performed exceptionally well this year. So overall we are doing OK financially.

BLA – We have currently attained 58% of our BLA goal to date. This is a 11% participation of our households that have pledged. 294 pledges which equal \$230,518 of our \$ 400,000 BLA goal. Fr. Tom hopes we make our goal and that our participation rate goes to at least 15 – 20%.

SJC Year of St. Joseph – Tisha who created currently a section on the website for The Year of St. Joseph with St. Joseph prayers and St. Joseph virtues that will be updated throughout the year. Each week during lent the friars will tailor their homilies to focus on one or two of St. Joseph virtues. Fr. Tom, Fr. David and other TOR friars will write articles on St. Joseph which will be available on the website. We currently have banners on the poles going into the church with a beautiful icon of St. Joseph and 2 virtues per banner.

Lenten plans – This year we will not participate in Leave the Light On on Wednesday evenings due to the cleaning and expense to keep everyone safe. We will continue to have confessions on Wednesday mornings after the 8:00 a.m. mass. Confessions by appointment are also available. We will have Stations of the Cross this Friday in English and the following Friday in Spanish. Reservations for Ash Wednesday Masses worked well. We will have also require reservations for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. Information on

reservations will be on the website and in the bulletin and announced during Masses We will have Lenten confessions and run these confessions much like the Advent Confessions. We will have 2 dates March 13<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00p.m. and March 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00a.m. – 12:00p.m. School's 1<sup>st</sup> penance is Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> and RE's 1<sup>st</sup> Penance is scheduled for Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be no washing of the feet on Holy Thursday, which will be bi-lingual again this year. Still working on the logistics of the altar repose given social distancing requirements. We will not have the traditional procession.

Communion for the homebound – Communion for the homebound will be resumed when pandemic is over and it can be done safely. We send the homebound bulletins each week and we will send them a Stations of the Cross book next week. Neighboring churches are not giving communion to the homebound at this time either.

Miscellaneous:

Next meeting is March 18, 2021 at 7 PM  
Closing Prayer – Fr. Tom  
Meeting adjourned at 8:15p.m.