

## Contributions

This is a message for those who are presently receiving the monthly mailed envelopes. First, if you give by check, we can delete your monthly envelopes and you can drop your loose check in the offering basket. We make copies of these checks and they will be recorded in our contribution system assuring you of proper credit. This will truly help us reduce our expenses for the mailed envelopes. The other option would be to use a plain envelope and enclose your check. Since you have a parish number that was assigned to you when you registered in the parish to be a parishioner, we can track that for proper credit. Second, if you donate cash, it would be better for you to continue to receive the mailed envelopes, as this makes it easier for us to track and give credit. We will begin to compile a list of those who give cash and make sure you continue to receive your envelopes by mail.

Now, for those who are using eprocessing as your method of online donating, we are going are those who have not moved to our new online giving, Give Central, we are asking that you do so by July 31, as we will terminate our contract with eprocessing. We will look at those who are currently donating by eprocessing and send you a notification of the termination of our services via eprocessing. It is our hope those who are still using eprocessing will go on the website to GIVE CENTRAL, and fill out the registration form for Give Central. I have mentioned we are getting a lower rate of processing fees from Give Central than eprocessing. So, please take care of this before the end of the month. If you need help with this change, please call the office and either speak to Paty Mendoza or Randy Hunt and they will be happy to assist you with the transfer from one system to another.

I thank those who have made the switch, as this guarantees your weekly, monthly, or however you wish to donate, a reassurance for us in our budgeting process.

Please note in the Give Central program, all the special collections for the Archdiocese are listed monthly, along with the parish Building Fund, the Debt Reduction, Food Pantry, Mass Intentions, Andale Archdiocesan Campaign, Regular contributions. All these will be divided as given and credited to your account. The only one we will not have control over is the Andale Campaign. If you donate online, we will forward your donation to their accounting department. I receive an update about once a month, but you also should be getting an update as well.

I hate to keep bringing this up, but we are in a 'cash saving mode' for the time being, until we get back to having Masses without all the regulations we are presently observing. Don't 'panic' we are meeting our financial obligations, but it is 'stretching' the 'dollar' as far as we can to meet our ordinary operational costs and our monthly note of \$ 27,000.00. We have reduced our operating budget by 25% as directed by the Archdiocese, which is going to assure we can meet our expenses. So we need 'your support' to help us live within this new budget. We have trimmed all we can without jeopardizing the necessary provisions we need to meet the ministerial needs of the parish.

### Covid-19

As you are all aware this virus is not something to ignore, thinking it can't happen to you. This past weekend, I saw hundreds of young people on the beaches without taking the precautionary measures as directed by our Governor and the local government. We are not ever going to 'nip' this is the 'bud' if people, and I mention the President in particular, as he ignores the fact that leadership should be setting the example for the rest of us to follow. I am truly disappointed in his leadership style, especially denying the rapid spread of the Covid-19, while stating the economy is 'great', and we are ready to 'open' the country 'back up'! but forget the reality of the Covid-19, and how it knows no age as to whom it can take control of, and not only quarantine a person for 14 days, if it doesn't kill you! Those are the facts, and we need to 'set the example' and protect our families and the people of this country. This is not a 'political' thing but a matter of addressing the seriousness of this virus, and doing all we can to be safe in our homes and as we venture out for whatever things we 'need' to do rather than 'want' to do. It is our intent as a parish to keep our environment 'clean' and 'safe' so we can worship without fearing this epidemic.

I know things move a lot slower coming in to and leaving the building, but again, this is for our safety and the safety of our sisters and brothers.

I want to ask your prayers for Judy Ortiz, who runs our Foundations in Faith and our RCIC programs in the parish, who is now quarantined with the Covid-19. In addition, her husband Jesse, was in the hospital this past week, dealing the Covid-19. Let us pray that both will recover and be present among us once they have overcome the virus. In addition, please pray for any of our parishioners who are presently struggling with this virus. I ask Padre Pio to lift them up to the heavenly throne of our Lord, seeking his blessings for them at this trying time in our country and our world.

Msgr. Mike Yarbrough

Those of you who attended the 8:30 am Mass this past Sunday were introduced to Msgr. Mike, my 'new' in-house resident. He has fairly well settled in and unpacked his belongings and found his way around the rectory. He will be 'in and out' with our parish Masses, as since he is retired, he can assist in any of our parishes as needed for Masses or confessions. So, there will be times when he wants to celebrate or concelebrate Mass here in the parish, but when invited elsewhere, this is one of the advantages of being retired-do mostly what you want when you want to do it! But, he is a welcome, as I enjoy his company. Is it somewhat different for me as I am not use to having someone in the house all the time, but that is just fine with me! If I get away for a few days, I have asked him to cover Masses for me.