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OUR CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES

March 23, 2020

To: Parishioners of All Saints, Holy Family and St. Rose of Lima Parishes
Fr: Fr. Keiter
Re: Sunday Giving

Dear Parishioners:

I am praying daily that all of you are hanging in there and staying healthy as we go through these very tough times as a Church, a community, a state and a nation. I am always brought peace by the words from Matthew's Gospel 11:28-30, *"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,* and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."* We need to persevere in our prayer during this time and go to Jesus. Let us find rest in this turmoil by placing our labor and burdens with Him.

I have never preached or talked about money during a Mass in nearly 19 years of Priesthood. I am a firm believer that if we "feed our people" through helping them Encounter Jesus and grow in their Faith through equipping them as beloved disciples then all the financial pieces of our work as a Church will fall into place. However, I am writing this letter because we have now entered into a time in the life of the Church that we have not experienced before.

Due to the Coronavirus Crisis we cannot gather as a Family of Faith to celebrate the Holy Mass which is sad and hard in its own significant way as a People who believe the Eucharist is the source and summit of our life. Not being able to celebrate the Holy Mass publicly during this crisis also is a serious financial issue for our Parishes. Sunday giving is our primary source of income on a weekly basis.

We are being very prudent with our spending, but we still have necessary expenses each week and month. I am very grateful to Archbishop Lucas for suspending our March AAF payment (**this is a calculated amount every Parish pays monthly for the general operations of the Archdiocesan Offices**). This was a specific way the Archbishop definitely helped out, but we still need to address our Parishes income during this time.

I am asking all our Parishioners to please continue their Sunday giving during this time. I know that some of you may not be able to do so if your job has been affected by this crisis. I would ask those of you who maybe have the ability to give a little more during this time to prayerfully consider doing so.

You can mail your weekly offering to your respective Parish Office. If you are already giving electronically but would consider increasing your giving during this difficult time, you can do so through your Faith Direct Account. If you would like to sign up for giving electronically you can do so very easily on our new website for our Parishes at www.ourcatholicfamily.org Simply click on the **Church Giving ribbon** in the upper right corner of the web page.

Thank you for all your support and prayers during this time. Thank you also for your prayerful consideration of financially supporting our parishes during this critical time. Let us continue to pray for each other as we live through this crisis knowing that Jesus will make our burden light.

God Bless You,

Fr. Keiter

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