



## SAINT JOHN FISHER PARISH

October 15, 2020

Dear Parishioners:

November is the month in which we focus on stewardship as a way of discipleship. According to the U.S. Bishops in their pastoral, *Stewardship, a Disciple's Response*, a steward is "One who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in love and justice with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord." This means giving to the Lord the first portion of their time, talent, and treasure. On the weekend of November 7-8, one of your fellow parishioners will share how he has strived to live out stewardship in his life. Due to the Covid19 pandemic, I will not be asking you to make a specific commitment this year. I rely on you to discern how you should respond in these unprecedented times. It should be done in the spirit of prayer and gratitude.

Many parishes are suffering much more than ours. I am hoping that we can reach out to our sister parish in Cudahy, Sagrado Corazón y Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Our support during our capital campaign enabled them to build their church. They have been hit by the corona virus at six times the rate as we have on the Palos Verdes Peninsula. If you would like to direct your support to them, I would be happy to direct that to them.

November is also the month in which we remember those who have died. On All Souls' Day, Monday evening, November 2, at 7:30 we will have a special Mass of Remembrance for all those who have died this past year. It has always been a very moving celebration for those present, especially those who have lost their loved ones. This year, due to the Covid19 restrictions, we will not be able to have a public Mass as we have before. However, the Mass will be livestreamed for you to view. As in the past all the names of our deceased loved ones will be called out, and someone will place a candle by the altar in their name. I hope you will view this even though you cannot be physically present.

Enclosed with your coupons is an "All Souls" envelope. Throughout the month of November, we will be offering one of the Masses each day for those whose names are mentioned in these envelopes. Please return the envelope as soon as possible, either to the Parish Office or in one of the collection bins, so that we can place your intentions on the altar throughout the month. As Catholics we believe that the Communion of Saints includes the faithful on earth, the blessed in heaven, and the souls in purgatory.

Let us pray for one another, especially for those affected by the corona virus.

Yours in Christ,

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Pastor