

St. John Vianney Parish

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Pastor's Announcement
Parish Updates

July 5, 2020

Dear Families of St. John Vianney Parish,

The COVID-19 pandemic lockdown has presented a great financial challenge for our parish.

There has been a significant drop in anticipated revenue since we depend entirely on your generous offertory donations at Mass for our parish support, for example:

- Priests and Employees' salaries and benefits
- Utility bills
- Church and Office supplies
- Maintenance of the Church & Parish facilities
- Cleaning and sanitation of the church - we are now paying \$1,600 per month just to sanitize the church after each weekend Masses.

Revenues from funerals, weddings, Quinceañeras or hall usage have also decreased tremendously with the inability to have large gatherings.

For the many of you who have anticipated this and have continued your online giving, mailed in your regular Sunday contributions or drop off at the mailbox of the parish office, I express my deepest gratitude.

The overall financial picture has shown a deficit of \$220,000 in the last fiscal year (July 1st, 2019 to June 30th, 2020). The current trend is a tremendous concern and may well extend to the end of the year or maybe beyond. But if we work together, it is reversible.

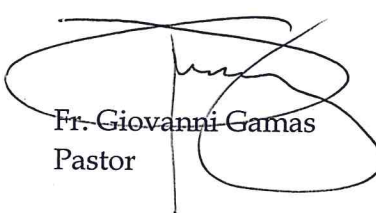
- Parish Staffing: Effective July 1st, we have no choice but to lay off some employees and we had to reduce the number of working hours for all our parish staff members.
- The Parish Office will continue to be open Monday through Friday, from 8am - 4.30pm. Staff members will stagger their working hours and continue to serve your needs.
- To our many volunteers who have stepped up and given their time, talent and treasures, my heartfelt appreciation and thanksgiving.

We are all stewards of the Church. In this extremely extraordinary circumstance, I humbly ask that each of us prayerfully assess what we need to do for ourselves, our loved ones, and consider what we are able and willing to do to keep our parish running.

If at all possible, please consider increasing by even a small amount your weekly donation. We understand that many of our parishioners may have lost their jobs. Some are probably on fixed incomes and we do not ask you to give beyond your means. I am confident that as a parish community, we can recover from this crisis.

Please continue to observe the public health protocols at all times. Take time for prayer and stay in touch with the parish by phone, online at our parish website or Facebook. Let us continue trusting in the promises of the Lord to help us carry our burdens and give us rest. With faith, hope and love, together we pray for a swift end to this coronavirus pandemic.

Be assured that Fr. Joseph and I will continue to pray for you and your loved ones. God bless!



Fr. Giovanni Gamas
Pastor