



March 24, 2020

Dear Parish Family,

It is a time of great challenge for our Parish Family, our Community, and the world. The Public Health concerns due to the COVID-19 virus outbreak have had far-reaching impacts and may very well be with us for an extended period of time. First and foremost, I, as well as our clergy and staff, deeply care about your health and the well-being and that of your family and loved ones. If there is anything we can do to assist you in comforting or supporting you in any way, please reach out to our offices at (239) 566-8740 or info@sjecc.com so we can serve you in this time of need.

We hope our implementation of our streaming Masses and other online faith enriching resources has helped keep you connected to our Parish Family. While it can be difficult with all the worries that come with our stressed and uncertain lives, Saint John the Evangelist should be a source of consolation and love. We continue our Mission: To Know, To Love, and To Serve God in His Church and Our Community through this period, and we hope you can continue to keep our Parish's needs in your thoughts as well. I know it is an incredibly daunting time, especially financially, for many of our Parish Family members, and we understand the priorities you are placing on your money. We are grateful for any inclusion Saint John may have in your consideration. Some have decided to consolidate their weekly giving to a monthly contribution. Others have moved to online giving via our website: (<https://stjohntheevangelist.weshareonline.org/>). If you feel called to give, you can mail your gifts with the included self-addressed envelope provided with this letter.

You are in my personal prayers every single day. I miss seeing you at Mass and enjoying your company at our Parish events and activities. Please know we will come back to life as a Parish Family back on our campus and I am excited for that moment to welcome you back.

God Bless You and Keep You and All You Love Safe and Healthy!

Fr. Tom Zalewski
Pastor