

The S. O. S. CALL

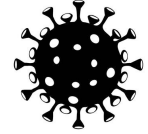
Servants of the Savior

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CORONAVIRUS TIMES

Friends, how are you? Are you getting good at ‘sheltering in place’? It is so hard to escape the disorientation we feel at how quickly things have changed for us. I’m praying that our faith is deepening, broadening and truly becoming a core part of our life as we look around and see fear. As you look and pray, keep asking God, along with the rest of us, if there are things we can do to help others as they struggle with this fear, financial insecurity, job loss, fear of death. Our first priority is to PRAY, all throughout the day, as we watch. Then, let’s keep acting from a distance to help wherever we can.



RECEIVING COMMUNION IN SOCIAL DISTANCING DAYS

Although we are apart physically, you can ask to receive communion

immediately after the service on Sundays. Simply call your Phone Friend or the Office to have your name placed on the list. (222-3721) You will give your name, address and how many people would like to receive.

After the service is finished, a specially trained Lay Eucharistic Minister, a PLEM, will bring the bread only to your home. While standing on your porch, they will deliver the blessed sacrament to you and briefly share a blessing from the service.

Don’t miss this opportunity to strengthen your faith - He in us and we in Him.

WE CAN’T MEET BUT THAT DOESN’T KEEP US APART

Have you joined the first streamed services? The feedback seems to indicate that everyone who has participated really enjoyed the service. Because God’s Holy Spirit is alive in each of us, reaching out across time and space, we are able to be linked in a new and wonderful way as we worship together.

Don’t miss out. Join in from the St. James website. You can receive the blessing waiting for all of us by participating although we are far apart.



*SO thankful that
the Church is not a building,
but rather the people!*

IN EVERY
THING GIVE
THANKS; FOR
THIS IS GOD'S
WILL FOR YOU
IN CHRIST
JESUS.

GIVE THANKS IN EVERYTHING! (THAT SEEMS A LITTLE EXTREME!)

In all circumstances, says St. Paul in I Thes. 5:18. Even in this situation we are in, when our lives are torn apart? Well, yes! That’s what scripture says in many places. How can we do that? Let’s find out in the coming week. We will all look for ways to thank God every day, in every circumstance. Then we must share with each other how to do it!

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are taking prayer requests from our friends on the telephone network and will keep updating them.

- **Drs. Gerald & Adana Ikedillo**, both medical doctors, for health, strength and safety as responders
- **Fr. Carlos+**, strength and discernment as he guides us through this time.
- **Raul, the Velez guys, Star G., and other technology helpers**
- God's protection for our city, state and country.
- several families who have moved into new homes the **Youngs, Cowarts**
- **Christina Raines** will be able to get home from Jordan safely.
- health for **our babies and those whose immune systems** are compromised, as well as all **our older friends**.



NO LONGER TECHNOPHOBES

Wow! Even us oldies are learning how to stream video. Want to be there with us? Below are the instructions for viewing the live service on each Sunday:

1. Go to our website: stjas.org
2. Scroll down to the red circle entitled "Live Stream & Sermons"
3. If live stream is on, you will see the office chapel and you can click the arrow to join the service.
4. If live stream is not on, you will see a row of music notes and a black box. There will be a message in the black box that says "video not available" and a message above the box instructing you to refresh at 1:30 pm when the service starts.
5. If you can't view the service live, you can find it anytime, later, as a video on our website.

If you would like some help, please call your Phone Friend or the Office (222-3721) and someone will walk you through the process.

UNITY IN PRAYER

At this time, the weekly collect can help us pray in unity every single day. Print and cut out the Collect below for the coming week. Pray it each day - morning and evening.



Collect for the Fifth Sunday in Lent - Passion Sunday

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners:
Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise;
that, among the swift and varied changes of this world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen

