



Holy Spirit Catholic Community

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Dear Companions in the Faith,

It has been a little over two months now since I have become your Pastor and I have not had the opportunity to begin to know most of you. The few that I have begun to know are the staff, the choir, the deacons, and those on some of the committees. Many of you have stopped briefly at the end of the Sunday Mass and welcomed me; everyone who has been most gracious. I look forward to getting to know you once the limitations are lifted.

March 19, 2020 the Feast of St. Joseph was the day that our churches were shut down and for a time no Masses were able to be celebrated. Now that attendance at Mass is allowed with social distancing and the wearing of masks the attendance is about 40% of the normal Sunday crowd. Remember that everyone's safety is very important and that Bishop Coerver has dispensed everyone from Sunday obligation. Since March 19th, you have all continued to be very generous to the parish with your contributions. Thank you for your generosity; it shows me the love that you have for our parish of Holy Spirit.

We are still operating under certain restrictions and limitations. We are not able to have most of the normal parish activities. With social distancing practices, we are able to have face to face sacramental preparation classes (baptism, confirmation, reconciliation, first communion, RCIA, and marriage - Anointing of the Sick is available for those who need it.) All other classes are being offered virtually and there has been some discussion about virtual adult ed. Unfortunately, we are not able to have any of our other gatherings such as Knights of Columbus, ladies' group, etc.

I have been informed that there are some who have been asking about the prayer garden. The parish has raised to date \$191,500 by donations from parishioners, a raffle, and a fundraiser. Enclosed is a little brochure with some information about the prayer garden. More information will be provided later as the project moves forward. At this time all projects throughout the Diocese of Lubbock have been put on hold until sometime after the first of the year.

Thank you for being members of Holy Spirit Parish and I am looking forward to the time that we will have together in the years to come.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. George". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fr. George