

Dear Parish Family,

Our Lenten season has begun, and our first Zoom church service in Rite I will be tomorrow. I hope everyone has found something in the Lenten resources for prayer and study that I have sent with these announcements over the last few weeks that speaks to your heart and will be useful to you in this very different Lenten season.

In addition to self-examination, prayer, and study, Lent is a time of extra giving for the care of others. In most years, our deacons choose a project and we all contribute together to help our neighbors who are in need. This year, since we are not physically together at church, that didn't seem workable. But, check out the attached invitation from Carolyn and Pam to find a cause and contribute individually!

Also attached is a card in Spanish and English for everyone from Bob and me as we begin our Lenten journey.

Love and prayers,
Christie+

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Tomorrow morning at 9:00 Nevada time Father Lionel will host our seventh joint Zoom church service with Holy Spirit parish. The Bulletin, Zoom link, meeting I.D. number and passcode, and words for the closing hymn were sent earlier today. Christie Leavitt will preside and Father Lionel will preach. There will be plenty of space in the service - please join us if you can; we'd love to see (and hear) you!
- The Lenten study program *Praying with the Gospel of John* continues with YouTube presentations from the Brothers of the Society of Saint John the Evangelist (SSJE) on February 23, March 2, 16, 23 and 30, and April 6. NOTE: no program on March 9! Each video is available for 24 hours beginning at 4:30 pm our time. To attend the program each week, go to <https://www.youtube.com/SSJEOnlineweb/> . After each program, registered participants will receive supplementary program materials by email. To register, go to <http://www.SSJE.org/prayingjohn> . Father Lionel is hosting a weekly Zoom discussion group for program registrants from Saint Matthew's/San Mateo and Holy Spirit on Thursday evenings from 7 to 8 pm. To join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87933969796?pwd=dEQ0eVARZ2MrK1huMXFRbULJewY1UT09>
- Meeting ID: 879 3396 9796 Passcode: 005824. We hope to see you there!

- The Southeast and Southwest Mission Districts held their joint meeting on Zoom this morning 10:00 AM. Father Lionel, Deacon Pam, and Deacon Carolyn represented Saint Matthew's/San Mateo. Melvin Stringer from Saint Timothy's was elected as lay representative to Standing Committee to fill the balance of a term open due to a resignation.

PRAYER NEEDS:

- Please keep Charlotte Peters, Janet Tyler, and Jack Reasoner in your prayers for continued healing.
- Father Rick is working with home health staff as he tries to gain strength and mobility. Please continue to pray for him and for Jeanne for peace, healing, and strength.
- We have no birthdays listed this week on our parish list. So, let's use this opportunity to pray for birthday blessings for everyone unknown to us (but known to God) who will have a birthday this week!

REMEMBER:

If you have photos or devotional pieces or a recipe or fun activity for our web page, please email them to Sylvia Speed at Sspeed53@gmail.com
Our preachers love to hear from you about their sermons - you can call or email us - Thanks!

To the Family of God:

Lent this year, as foremost of the year, is at a strange time with no physical corporate worship making organizing group activities difficult at best. Yet as Lent is a time of prayerful outreach in bearing one another's cross your deacons have come up with the idea of giving individually. In other words, instead of a group project as we've done in the past we're asking that you prayerfully choose a cause or ministry near and dear to your heart and take that on for the eight weeks of Lent. Then at the end of that time send in your offering to that cause/ministry. Keep your own receipts since this year we will not be going through the church. May God bless you during this holy time. Deacons Pam Radke and Carolyn Shannon