

Saint Athanasius Church

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Although public Masses have been **SUSPENDED** until further notice, we encourage parishioners to remain connected to our parish community and to pray for each other.

Saint Athanasius will livestream Sunday Masses at:

11:15 AM (English)

1:00 PM (Spanish)

Please follow the link in our Website:

<https://www.stathanasiusparish.com>

or go directly to our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCu7PQRO-cK5P9LUXAONWAg>

RECONCILIATION / CONFESIONES

by appointment with the Priest / *Por cita.*



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts of the Apostles :5-8, 14-17

Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

1 Peter 3:15-18

John 14:15-21

SAINT ATHANASIUS

Sixth Sunday of Easter

As Jesus prepared the apostles for the time when he would no longer be with them physically, and knowing that they would face hardship, trials, and persecution in the future, he promised them an Advocate, the Holy Spirit. Through baptism that same Spirit dwells within us, always with us to guide us in the truth of God's love and strengthen us so that we may know Christ and live as Christ's people. Now, as in every time, God knows it is not always easy to live as a Christian. With the assurance of the Holy Spirit's presence, we find the grace to love Jesus and to keep the Lord's commandments.

STRENGTHENED TO LIVE AS CHRIST'S OWN

We might look at the world around us and conclude that this is the most challenging time in history during which to live as a person of faith. Yet we know this is not so. Throughout the ages, people of faith have faced mockery, persecution, and even death as a result of their commitment to Christ. Still, it is important for us to acknowledge the challenge of living as a Christian today, when faith is viewed with ambivalence at best, and often with antagonism. Some do not understand how faith and reason can sit side by side, even though many of the world's greatest scientific discoveries have been made by people of faith. Others see the failures of the Church or its leaders and discount faith as a result. We rely on the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit to be with us when we are mocked or simply misunderstood on account of our faith in Jesus Christ. Through the Holy Spirit, we will find the grace to live with conviction as Christian people.

THE REASON FOR OUR HOPE

Saint Peter admonishes us, "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope." One of the greatest gifts of faith in our lives is our hope in Christ Jesus. Through Christ, we keep our eyes on the wider view of life here on earth and everlasting life with God. We know that the trials and challenges of today do not have the final word, and do not have power over us. With the presence of the Advocate, we have the help we need to live as God directs and desires, so that the world might come to know Christ through the witness of our lives. This is a hope-filled, meaningful way of life. When so much of our surrounding culture speaks of impermanence and momentary distractions, we have the hope of meaning and purpose today and the promise of eternal life to come.

Today's Readings: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

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Mass Intentions For The Week



Sat (16) 9:00 _____
5:00 _____

Sun (17) 11:15 Melba Ortega -- Deceased (†)
Celia Apaza -- Spec. Intentions (S.I.)
LaMotte Family -- Spec. Intentions (S.I.)
1:00 _____

Mon (18) 7:00 _____
9:00 _____

Tue (19) 7:00 _____
9:00 Audrey Jeane & Ferial Villareal -- Birthday (B)

Wed (20) 7:00 _____
9:00 _____

Thu (21) 7:00 _____
9:00 _____

Fri (22) 7:00 _____
9:00 Kelli Underhill -- Spec. Intentions (S.I.)

†—Deceased; T—Thanksgiving;
S.I.—Special Intention; B—Birthday; S—Sick

Death Anniversary Remembrance Week of May 17

Walter Espinoza	Elizabeth Zavala
Gary Bates	Giovanni Costa
Jesus Bernal	Lucia Falconi
Moira Therese Broemmelsiek	William Bougher
Lawrence Gomez	James Beausang
Chester Hall	Mildred Smith
Clarence Legnon	Ralph Sierras

REST IN PEACE

Please Pray for the Sick




Julie Hidalgo, Gloria Ramirez, Ellen Poso,
Soledad Jara, Danilo Fidel, JoAnne Arnold,
Lucile Bianco, Isaura Aguilar, Romulo Prieto,
Bernie Barron, Josephine Sierras, Richard
Sanchez, Henry Sanchez, Michael Fernandez,
Mark Del Secco, Joan Del Secco
and Joel Villareal.

STAY CONNECTED!

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 athanasius@comcast.net

 <http://stathanasiusparish.com>

 <https://www.facebook.com/SaintAthanasiusChurch/>

“Give to the Most High as he has given to you, generously, according to your means. For the Lord is one who always repays, and he will give back to you sevenfold” (Sirach)

May 11-17	
Mail In / Por Correo	\$4,633.00
Online Giving	\$655.00
Total	\$5,288.00
Goal / Meta	\$7,600.00
Variance/ Diferencia	<\$2,312.00>



WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!

Thank you for your continued support during this tough period for many. You can continue to contribute to the parish in several ways:

- 1) By using the on-line donation link on our parish website, as 88 of you are already doing.
<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/athanasius>
- 2) By dropping off your check or your cash donation to the parish office anytime via the mail slot in the front door of the Rectory.
- 3) By mailing in your personal check or money order.
- 4) By donating using your smartphone, via text. Follow the instructions below:
Text the word **GIVE** to **(650) 590 5031** and follow the instructions to “Register for an Account.”

Know that we are praying for you and your loved ones!



How to Use Text Giving

- Text the word **GIVE** to **(650) 590 5031**
- If it's your first time, you'll be prompted to click a link directing you to the online giving page to complete a one-time registration. Click "SIGN IN" then click "REGISTER FOR AN ACCOUNT" at the bottom of the page.
- Complete contact information then click "REGISTER."
- Enter the secure PIN that the system texts you.
- Select the fund, enter the donation amount and payment information before completing your gift.
- Click "SAVE PAYMENT" to keep your payment information securely saved for future gifts.
- To text a donation after the one-time registration, you can give immediately without having to re-enter any of your information.
- Simply text the desired amount and the fund keyword to the text giving number. Ex: 250 tithe for \$250.00 to the Tithe fund.



**“Encountering Christ-Faith in Action”
Goal \$142,282**

Month of April Report
To date, **11.27%** of our parishioners have contributed **\$127,332.92** towards our goal of **\$142,282**. We are very grateful for their support early on in our campaign. And don't forget to continue sending your pledge payments. Every dollar received over our ADA goal is returned to the parish.
Mail in your donation, or visit our website to donate online.

<https://www.givecentral.org/appeals-form-registration/acp5dfc2cfd11095/user/guest>



Family Life & Spirituality Resources

The Joy of Love

Virtual Ministry for the Domestic Church

The Office of Family Life & Spirituality is offering different ministry opportunities for the domestic church on Facebook Live. Don't let this time of quarantine prevent your family from growing in faith, hope, and love!
May the joy of God's love for us abound in our homes!

<https://www.dsj.org/evangelization/family-life/resources/>

We hope you can join us!

ST. PAUL DISCIPLESHIP GROUP IS STILL MEETING

If you have missed connecting and praying with your fellow parishioners, we invite you to visit the St. Paul Discipleship Group virtual meeting **Tuesday nights from 8:30pm-10pm**. The meetings consist of prayer, reflection on our faith journeys in general and on evangelization in particular, and the daily readings.

Email the parish office at Athanasius@comcast.net for the Zoom meeting details.

ST. ATHANASIUS – DAILY NOONTIME PRAYER SERVICE

Until we can once again come together and celebrate the Weekday Mass as a community, please come and join us via a ZOOM video conference for a short (about 20 minutes) daily prayer service starting at 12 Noon, Monday thru Saturday. We'll be praying the Regina Caeli (during the Easter Season), a COVID-19 prayer and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy each day.

To join the prayer service, please click on the Zoom link below on your PC, Mac or iPad, or enter the Meeting ID listed below on your iPhone or Android Zoom app.

The NEW Meeting ID: 832 5853 9150
The NEW Password: 94043

Sexto Domingo de Pascua

FORTALECIDOS PARA VIVIR COMO EL MISMO CRISTO

Podemos ver el mundo alrededor de nosotros y concluir que este es el tiempo más desafiante en la historia para vivir como una persona de fe. Pero sabemos que no es así. A través de los tiempos, las personas de fe han enfrentado la burla, la persecución e incluso la muerte como resultado de su compromiso con Cristo. Aún así, es importante que reconozcamos el desafío de vivir hoy como cristianos, cuando la fe es vista con ambivalencia en el mejor de los casos y a menudo con antagonismo. Algunos no entienden como la fe y la razón pueden coexistir, aunque muchos de los grandes descubrimientos científicos fueron hechos por personas de fe. Otros ven las fallas de la Iglesia y de sus líderes y descartan la fe como resultado. Confiamos en la presencia poderosa del Espíritu Santo para que esté con nosotros cuando se burlen o simplemente malinterpreten nuestra fe en Jesucristo. Por medio del Espíritu Santo, encontraremos la gracia para vivir con convicción como pueblo cristiano.

LA RAZÓN DE NUESTRA ESPERANZA

San Pedro nos exhorta a que “siempre estemos listos a dar razones de nuestra esperanza a quien nos la pida”. Uno de los grandes dones de la fe en nuestras vidas es nuestra esperanza en Jesucristo. Por medio de Cristo, ponemos nuestros ojos en una visión más amplia de la vida aquí en la tierra y en la vida eterna con Dios. Sabemos que las pruebas y los desafíos de hoy no tienen la última palabra, y no tiene poder sobre nosotros. Con la presencia del Espíritu Santo, tenemos la ayuda que necesitamos para vivir de acuerdo a la voluntad de Dios, como el quiere y desea, para que el mundo pueda conocer a Cristo por medio del testimonio de nuestras vidas. Esta es una forma de vida con significado y llena de esperanza. Cuando gran parte de la cultura alrededor nuestro habla de las distracciones momentáneas e impermanentes, tenemos la esperanza del significado y propósito de hoy y la promesa de la vida eterna por venir.

Lecturas de hoy: Hch 8:5-8, 14-17; Sal 66 (65):1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; 1 Pe 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

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¡LE AGRADECEMOS SU APOYO!

Aún puede seguir apoyando a nuestra Iglesia haciendo su donación semanal los domingos, aquí le ofrecemos las siguientes alternativas; puede enviar su cheque por correo, traer su donación en efectivo en un sobre con su nombre y dejarlo a través de la ranura de correo de la puerta de la oficina, también puede donar en línea a través de nuestro sitio web de nuestra parroquia:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/athanasius>

También puede mandar un mensaje de texto con la palabra **GIVE** al número **(650) 590 5031** y seguir las instrucciones para registrar una cuenta.

Use el Código QR en la esquina superior izquierda de este recuadro para ir directamente a nuestra página de Online Giving.



¿Cómo hacer una donación por texto?

- Envíe un mensaje de texto con la palabra GIVE al (650) 590 5031
- Si es la primera vez, se le pedirá que haga clic en un enlace que lo dirigirá a la página de donaciones en línea para completar un registro único. Haga clic en "INICIAR SESIÓN" y luego haga clic en "REGISTRARSE PARA UNA CUENTA" en la parte inferior de la página.
- Complete la información de contacto y luego haga clic en "REGISTRARSE".
- Ingrese el PIN seguro que el sistema le envía por mensaje de texto.
- Seleccione el fondo, ingrese el monto de la donación y la información de pago antes de completar su donación.
- Haga clic en "GUARDAR PAGO" para mantener su información de pago guardada de forma segura para futuros regalos.
- Para enviar una donación por mensaje de texto después del registro único, puede realizar donaciones de inmediato sin tener que volver a ingresar ninguna información.

¿NECESITA COMIDA?

Si usted, o algún familiar/amigo/vecino necesita ayuda con comida en estos momentos, llame al siguiente número **1-800-984-3663** para información acerca de las iglesias que están distribuyendo comida gratis.

Visite nuestra página web para más información:

<https://stathanasiusparish.com/covid-19-resources/>

Mission Statement for St. Athanasius Parish --“St. Athanasius Church’s mission is to build disciples of Jesus Christ and assist them in responding to God’s call to love and to serve”

Misión de la Parroquia de San Atanasio -- "La Misión de la Iglesia de San Atanasio es construir discípulos de Jesucristo y ayudarles a responder el llamado de Dios a amar y servir"

JUNTOS COMO HERMANOS Lunes - 7:00 PM

FAMILY PRAYER HOUR Tuesdays - 7:00 PM

We need only to look around to see the tremendous pressures facing our families and how those pressures pull our families apart. There’s little doubt that we live in a society of instant everything, one of the major contributions to family deterioration. Family Prayer Night is a response. It is a way for families to set aside an hour a week to be together in the presence of God, to pray and appreciate the most important people in our lives. Join us every Tuesday in church, 7-8 pm for Adoration, Benediction and Prayer.

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP MASS

Wednesdays - 6:30 PM

HIJOS DE MARIA SANTISIMA Jueves - 7:00 PM

JOVENES PARA CRISTO

Viernes a las 7 de la noche se reúne el grupo de Jóvenes para Cristo en el salón parroquial. Mayores de 18 años únicamente.

ST. ATHANASIUS BEREAVEMENT, COMFORT AND SUPPORT GROUP

Meets every 4th Friday of the month at the Rectory at 7PM. For details, please call (650) 961-8600

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament All Day the First Friday of the month starting after 9:00 AM Mass. Please sign-up for an hour of adoration on the sign-up sheet in the back of church. Benediction at 12 PM.

SENIORS LUNCH

Meet the second Tuesday of the Month (October-April) in the Parish Hall at 11:30 AM. For more information please call the Rectory (650) 961 8600.

RESPECT LIFE GROUP

Supports the sacredness of all human life through direct service to women in crisis pregnancies, education, advocacy and direct action on behalf of human life. Meets every first Saturday at 10 AM in the Marian Rm. Children welcome. For more information please call Carmel Caligaris at (650) 967-3807.

ST. PAUL DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

The St. Paul Discipleship Group is a group of parishioners that walk together in their spiritual journey. **We meet most Tuesday nights (8:30-10:00 pm)** to praise God, pray together, discuss various topics about our faith, and reflect on Scripture. Contact the Parish Office at (650) 961 8600 for more information.

BULLETIN EMAILS

Did you know that you can receive the weekly bulletin in your email inbox weekly for free? Sign up for the automatic bulletin email at <https://www.jspaluch.com/bulletinsubscribe.aspx>

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Sacrament Preparation for Children & Teens

Preparation for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist (Grades 2-12) and for Confirmation (Grades 9-12) is a one year process. For more information please contact the Catechetical Office at (650) 961-8600 Ext 103.

Faith Formation for Children, Teens and Adults

Our Faith Formation program seeks to empower our most important Catechists—our parents—to guide the faith formation of their children. We deepen our faith in Jesus through Scripture stories, reflection, prayer and seasonal celebrations in large and small groups. For more information, please contact our Catechetical Office at (650) 961-8600 Ext 103.



Saint Athanasius Leaders in Training S.A.L.T
Youth Group for teenagers (13-18). Group activities include apologetics, Bible study, outdoor activities, and more. Meetings are twice a month on Sundays starting with Mass at 11:15 AM and activities afterwards from 12:30 - 2:00 pm. Registration is FREE! For more information contact Alice Lee at joy268@hotmail.com.

Baptism of Children

(English & Spanish)

Parents are invited to contact our parish office at (650) 961 8600 to set up an appointment for an initial interview with one of our priests. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a Baptismal preparation session prior to the Baptism. No Baptism date can be set until the interview with the priest. Children age 7 or above are required to participate in our Children’s Faith Formation program to prepare for this sacrament.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Parish volunteers serve the needy of our area through our Food Pantry and Emergency Assistance program. Interested Parishioners are welcome to join us at our board meetings held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm, to see how we carry out our mission.

ALTERNATIVES TO ABORTIONS

BIRTH AND BEYOND (331) 444-5433
12 N White Rd #5, San Jose, CA 95127

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

For burial information and pre-planning assistance, please call **888-715-2150**. We help you meet eternal life with faith, hope, and love.



Office for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults / Oficina de Protección de Niños y Adultos Vulnerables

Diocese of San Jose– Anthony Gonzalez (408) 983-0113
Emergency Line: (408) 983-0144.
<https://opcva.ethicspoint.com>.

To reach a priest after office hours in an **EMERGENCY** situation, such as a death or the need for the Last Rites call: (408) 444-0257
Para hablarle a un sacerdote después de las horas de oficina en una situación de emergencia, ya sea de muerte o necesidad del sacramento de la unción de los enfermos llamar al: (408) 444-0257



PARISH OFFICE/ OFICINA PARROQUIAL:
(650) 961-8600

HOURS: 9:00 am.-12:30 pm and 1:30-5:00 pm Tue- Friday.
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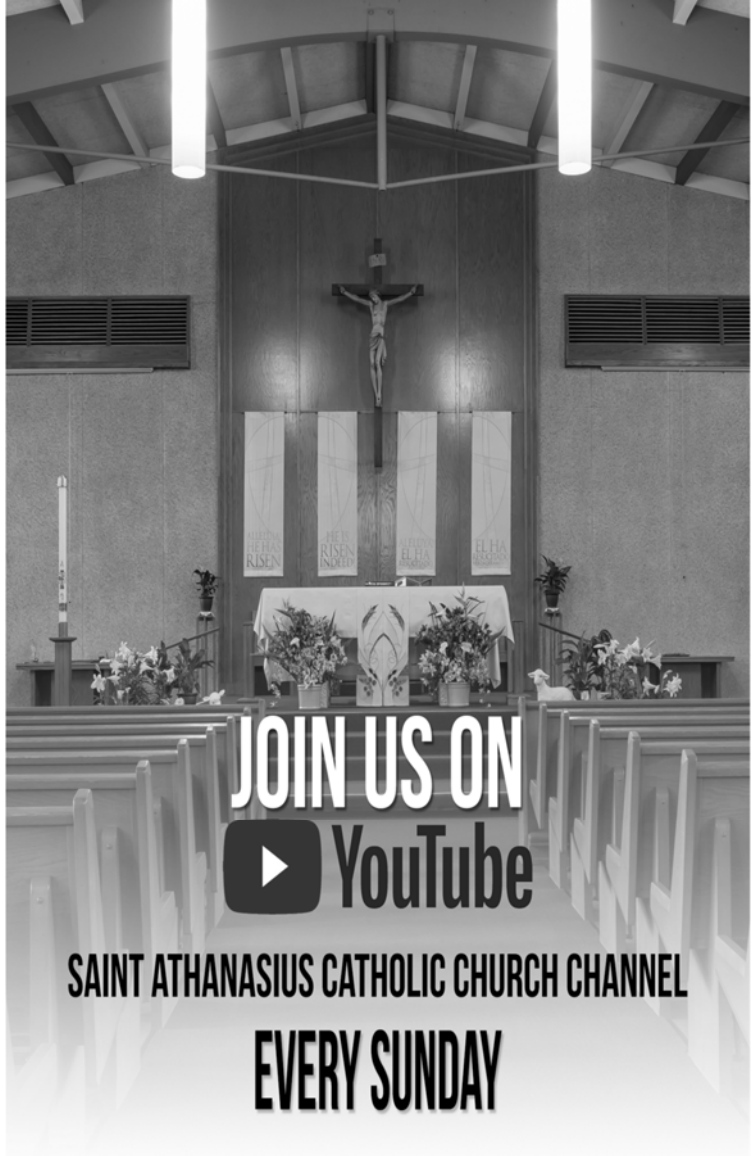
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SAINT ATHANASIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH CHANNEL
EVERY SUNDAY

11:15 A.M. ENGLISH MASS | 1:00 P.M. EN ESPAÑOL

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCu7PQRO-cK5P9LUXAONWAg>

WELCOME TO ALL NEW PARISHIONERS!

¡Bienvenidos todos los nuevos feligreses!

Please register by filling in the details below and dropping in the collection basket, or at the rectory.
Por favor inicie el proceso de registracion llenando este pequeño formulario y depositándolo en la canasta de la colecta, o llevándolo a la rectoría.

NAME (Nombre): _____

ADDRESS (Dirección) _____

PHONE (Teléfono) _____ E-mail: _____

Envelopes (Sobres de contribución): yes No



“Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him”

A Letter to Parishioners on the Occasion of
My First Year as Bishop of San Jose
By Bishop Oscar Cantú



To the Dear People of the San Jose Diocese (Retired Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Women and Men Religious, Lay Leaders, Parishioners):

“Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how [strong] the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, ‘Lord, save me!’ Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him, and said to him, ‘O you of little faith, why did you doubt?’ After they got into the boat, the wind died down” (Mt. 14:29-32)

On May 1st, the Diocese will mark one year since Pope Francis accepted Bishop P.J. McGrath’s retirement, and I succeeded him as Bishop of San Jose. I had served as Coadjutor Bishop of San Jose since the previous summer, allowing for my introduction to the Diocese, while working closely with Bishop McGrath over many months.

The past two years were marked with significant challenges. However, while navigating through those turbulent waters, I have always felt and been most grateful for your prayers and support, which have helped to sustain me in difficult times. We know, from the Scriptures, that it is especially in challenging times that God is closest to his people. That has been my experience in these last two years.

I arrived in San Jose in September 2018, as the country and the world were reeling from the “summer of shame,” the scandal brought on by the abusive behavior of (former cardinal) Theodore McCarrick and other priests highlighted by the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report. Bishop McGrath had decided to hold listening sessions in the Diocese. We felt deeply the justified raw anger expressed by victims/survivors of clergy sexual abuse. I was stunned, profoundly saddened, and even doubted my own ability to navigate the local Church amid the storm of anger and disappointment. I felt like Peter sinking in the waters of a turbulent sea.

Suddenly, I felt the sure hand of the Lord pulling me up, strengthening and assuring me of his sustenance along the journey. I also felt your prayers and support, for which I am grateful.

Not a month after my arrival in San Jose, Bishop McGrath unfortunately injured himself in a fall. His recovery (including surgery) would last many months, thus accelerating my introduction to the Diocese and its leadership. Through these challenges, God’s grace continued to sustain me – and again, I felt your prayers, support, and encouragement.

As I prepared to assume the governance of the Diocese in May, I assembled a new leadership team to serve as a sounding board for me and to help me make operational decisions for the good of our people. Getting to know each other’s work style would take some time, as would determining the needs of the Chancery and Diocese. We engaged a consulting firm to help us assess the opportunities across the Diocese and determine where to focus our energies and resources. This process engaged many persons across the Diocese and proved helpful in clarifying direction for our Chancery offices.

Early this year, my trip to Rome, together with the bishops of our region, for the ad limina visit with Pope Francis, was both eventful and encouraging. Although my luggage did not arrive in Rome until a few days after I did, the visit with Pope Francis was timely, substantive, and encouraging. He listened attentively, responded thoughtfully, and expressed his gratitude to us for trusting in Jesus during tumultuous times.

Then the Coronavirus hit, and everything changed! Our Chancery staff, pastors, principals, and parish and school staffs shifted quickly into crisis mode with dexterity and steadfast resolve. Our first concern was to keep people safe, especially the most vulnerable. Secondly, we adapted our outreach to parishioners and students through means that were safe. Our schools pivoted, essentially over a weekend, to distance learning. Our pastors and parish staffs quickly learned how to livestream Masses and devotions and to conduct online faith formation, retreats and faith sharing meetings. Some parishes started phone campaigns to reach out to parishioners, while others offered resources for prayer and family time at home. Our Institute for Leadership in Ministry (ILM) continued its classes for adults, offering sessions online. With a sharp decline in income across the Diocese, and in order to secure our essential ministries, we have had to make difficult decisions in reducing expenses across the Diocese. Through it all, I continue to feel your prayers, support, and encouragement as we pray for an end to this pandemic and for all those affected by this crisis.

Two months ago, I went on my annual retreat with the bishops of northern California. It was a silent retreat – and the first silent retreat I had experienced in many years. It was just what the doctor ordered! Spending time in reflection on my own life, my priorities, my worries and concerns, with an opportunity to re-prioritize things in a context of prayer was most refreshing. I felt the strong and sure hand of the Lord reaching out to me and sustaining me. Little did I know that two weeks after that retreat, I would face the rather difficult decision to shut down public worship in our diocese. The Lord strengthens us in his own way for the struggles that we will face – if only we trust him.

As we mark one year since the Lord has summoned me to walk toward him in service to you, the people of San Jose, together we recognize that the Lord sustains us in turbulent times. Let us call out to Christ, and he will respond. “Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him.”

Your servant in Christ,

+Oscar Cantú
Bishop of San Jose