



Message from the Pastor

Following the directives of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange, we closed our doors on March 20th and suspended in-person Masses and all other parish activities in English and Spanish. Although this action changed our on-campus ministry, we have remained active and present to our parishioners and neighbors on our Internet links: stjccm.org, [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#):

- Daily Mass: live on [Facebook](#) at 8:30 a.m. Monday – Saturday, and available so you can participate any time on our [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#) pages.
- Sunday Masses: available on our [Facebook](#) page beginning Saturday evenings. You may want to participate as a family at the time you usually attend Mass.
- Online presence: Frequent videos of our priests and deacons leading reflections and prayers, available on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#).
- Bulletin: still published weekly and available on our website or you can pick one up outside the church door facing the office.
- Weekly email: includes my bulletin letter and the latest St. Joachim news. Please sign up by sending your email address to parish@stjccm.org.
- Phone calls: we continue to call our elderly parishioners, families in our faith formation programs, and anyone on our prayer lists.
- St. Joachim School: children are participating in daily lessons with their teachers through distance learning, using online tools and virtual classrooms.

As the state of California slowly begins to re-open, we are working closely with the Diocese of Orange and the Orange County Department of Health to determine when to reopen our doors. When we do, you can expect some changes in compliance with the social distancing guidelines. Our staff is working hard to have everything ready for that great day when we can worship together again.

With Masses suspended, we are experiencing a decrease in the Sunday offertory. We are dependent on people's donations to pay our bills. Even though you may not be able to physically attend Mass, please consider keeping up your Sunday offering to the Lord by mailing in or dropping off your contribution envelopes. You can also give online at stjccm.org/online-giving or Text-to-Give by sending your dollar amount to 833-959-1424.

Together, WE ARE THE CHURCH, and we will get through this, along with God's help.

God is always with us, and it is His nature to bring about good even in the most difficult of situations. Please, let us continue to pray for one another united as one church.

Gratefully yours in Christ the Good Steward,

Rev. Michael P. Hanifin
Pastor