

Go and Make Disciples – Ve y Haz Discipulos

Saturday, April 18, 2020

Because of the pandemic social distancing guidelines, the meeting was held using the internet program ZOOM.

I. The meeting began at 9 A.M. with a prayer by Fr. Carlos.

Six people attended (via their computers): Fr. Carlos, Danny Rodriguez, Kathy Wheeler, Don Sesterhenn. & Jeff Zimmerman.

II. Pastor's Comments (Fr. Carlos)

- a. Fr reported that mass will be live-streamed Monday through Friday with the English mass at 9 A.M. & the Spanish at 6 P.M. The weekend masses will still be celebrated at their usual times.
- b. At the present time confessions are not being held.
- c. Plans are being formulated as to how to reopen churches while following the recommended social distancing guidelines. This won't be a problem for the English masses. Fr wants to have discussions with the Fire Dept about whether Adding 3 more services for the Hispanic community would satisfy the guidelines.
- d. Plans are being made to reconnect with the First Communion students, quinceaneras & Confirmation Candidates,
- e. Fr. reported that several virtual retreats have been held, and that Holy Week went well, considering.
- f. Covid-19 cases are increasing in the Hispanic Community. Discussions on ways of reversing this trend will be taking place.

III. Chairman's Comments (Danny Rodrigues)

- a. The web-page is live.
- b. Trustee & Parish Council Elections to take place this year. Because of the pandemic, this will be held electronically. (If anyone wishes to step down from serving on the council, please contact Danny.)
- c. Danny commended Gema for everything she's been doing in addition to serving as secretary & Coordinator for the K-8 faith formation program.
- d. Fr. Gerry was thanked for serving as Administrator during Fr. Carlos' sabbatical.

IV. Other

- a. A question was asked whether masks & gloves were being used in the rectory. At this time, 'masked' Outreach workers meet clients at the door with any supplies they might need. Anyone entering the rectory office must wear a mask & gloves.
- b. SJCA is conducting virtual classes.
- c. A question was also asked about what other parishes are doing. Fr responded that St. St. Mary's pastor (Fr Roman) may be joining in celebrating St. Mark's daily live-streamed Masses & that they are also live-streaming their weekend masses using a different Format. He didn't know about the other parishes. Fr also mentioned that the arch-Bishop has banned parking lot masses.

- d. It was mentioned that there is a Federal Benefits program for not-for-profits. St. Mark's has filed for it. (At this time the program is out of funds. Should more money Become available, our application is there.)
- e. It was noted that parish income is down. Unfortunately the bills aren't.
- f. Fr inquired how everyone was doing. All reported that they were doing well. Fr asked everyone to take care of themselves.

V. The meeting ended about 9:30 with a prayer and blessing by Fr Carlos.

Respectfully submitted,
Frances Jambrek

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