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A Stewardship Parish

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*Spreading the news
of Christ at work
in our community.*

Vision Foodshare Program Meets Essential Needs During the COVID-19 Pandemic

There's no doubt the COVID-19 pandemic has changed life as we know it. It is a time we will not soon forget.

For many, the pandemic has compounded the suffering they were already experiencing. So, to address these difficult circumstances, All Saints' Vision Foodshare program is helping provide essential nourishment. Program volunteers take the money and food donated to supply fresh food to those in need on the fourth Saturday of the month. This program is made possible thanks to generous parishioners and the Knights of Columbus Lumen Christi Council, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Parish Advisory Council, All Saints Women's Organization and the All Saints Men's Club.

"The generosity of our parishioners has been boundless," says Parish Business Manager Philip Muscat. "Donations of money and food to Vision Foodshare have been bountiful, to say the least."

For those facing food insecurity, this box of food can go a long way. With the many needs of our community at this difficult time, All Saints volunteers and parish staff have been doing



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JESUS' HANDS AND HEART: *Outreach Ministry*

It's a Scripture passage with which many of us are familiar — Jesus instructing His followers to care for those in need, telling us that whatever we do “for these least of these” we do unto Him (Matthew 25:40). It's a powerful challenge that all of us, as Christians, are called to take to heart. And for those who are involved in our Outreach Ministry, the opportunities to live out this calling are abundant.

“Outreach is a caring group that strives to make life a little better for those going through tough times,” says parishioner Ann Murphy, who serves as Co-Chair for this ministry, along with Cheryl-Ann Wong and Liz Bush. “Our main goal of Outreach is to be the heart and hands, to do God's will, helping those in most need.”

For nearly 30 years, our Outreach Ministry has served the surrounding communities in a number of different ways. From Habitat for Humanity and pregnancy resource centers, to food pantries, shelters, Catholic Charities, and more, our Outreach Ministry is active in various different types of missions.

“Through Outreach, we are answering God's call to charity in feeding the hungry and clothing the naked,” Ann says. “We work in coordination with agencies that serve those most in need of assistance. We have served meals, provided financial assistance, donated needed items for both adults and children, and more.”

“We do our best to serve those most in need, responding to Jesus' words, ‘Whatsoever you do for the least of my brethren, you do it for Me,’” adds Cheryl-Ann Wong, who has been



The parish Outreach Ministry serves the community in a variety of important ways.

involved in the ministry for the past 15 years. “I ask myself, ‘What would Jesus do?’ I am here to serve others as best I could with the resources and talents with which I am blessed.”

For those who are involved in the ministry, it's an opportunity to not only make a difference in the lives of others, but also to grow in faith by using God-given gifts to serve.

“Christ is in all of us,”

Cheryl-Ann says. “Different life situations have taken some of us on varied paths, but we are called to ‘love one another as I have loved you.’”

“We are put on this earth to serve others,” Ann adds. “The Outreach Ministry gives us the perfect opportunity to ‘pay it forward’ with the gifts we have received.”

Above all, Ann hopes that the people served by Outreach will come to know God's love and care for them.

“I hope that the people know that they are loved, that they are not alone, and there are people who care,” she says. “We hope it is comforting to those going through hard times that they do not have to carry their hardship alone.”

The women encourage their fellow parishioners to consider becoming involved in the ministry and finding a way to serve those in need.

“Come join us,” says Cheryl-Ann.

“There is something for everyone to do, no matter how much time you can spare,” Ann adds. “No matter how much time and energy you put into it, you get back so much more.”

If you would like more information on the Outreach Ministry, or to become involved, please contact Liz Bush at 972-404-8701 or bush37@icloud.com. The Outreach Ministry meets on the second Monday of the month, every other month at Kamel Life Center. They do not meet in the summer months, but will resume in the fall.



A Letter from Our Pastoral Administrator

THE *Light* AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL

Dear Saints,

As this unprecedented crisis for our Church, nation and world continues to unfold, we are starting to see a light at the end of the tunnel. As we begin a return to our “new normal,” we have so much for which to be grateful.

I have witnessed so many of you continuing to actively live out stewardship during these past few months while our parish family has been apart, and that is truly a blessing. But with the uncertainty of what this “new normal” will be like in the days, weeks and months ahead, I ask you all to again consider how you are living out your call to stewardship.

Regardless of whether or not we can physically gather in our church or come together for ministry activities and events, our faith always lives on.

Remember that stewardship is a way of life, meaning that we are called to live as intentional disciples of Christ through the practice of stewardship in all circumstances.

Have you been giving God your Time? I encourage you to pray every day. Use this time as an opportunity to develop or strengthen your prayer life.

How can you serve the Lord right now with your Talents? Serve your family and friends in the ways that



you can. Use your talents wisely to grow in relationship with others near or far.

Finally, is God still a priority in your Treasure? Despite the hardships, are you still keeping God at the heart of all your financial decisions. I encourage you to give God a portion of your treasure out of gratitude, no matter how big or small.

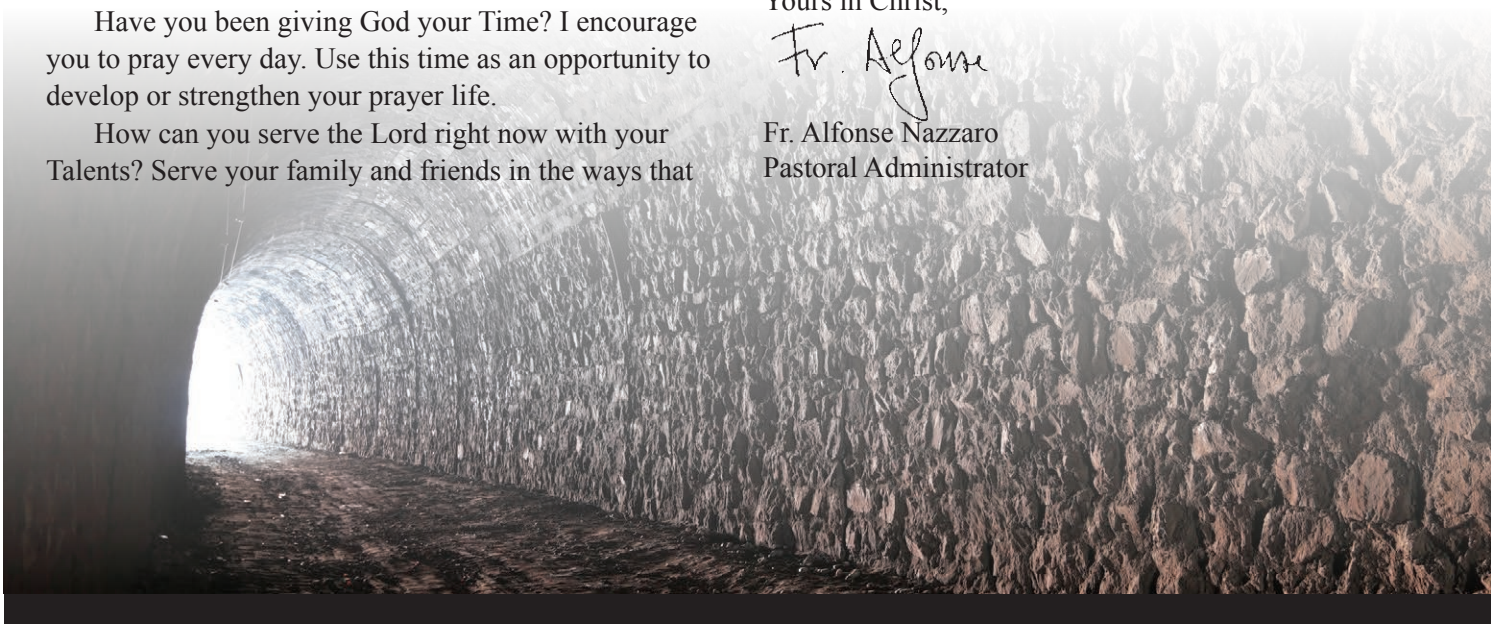
Thank you for your continued support by way of prayers, service and generous financial giving during these challenging times. I have been overwhelmed with a new sense of gratitude and dependence on our

Lord during this crisis, and continue praying for each of you. I look forward to the day our parish and our church is bustling with life again, and I pray that day is coming soon.

Let us live with the joy of the Resurrection each day of our lives!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Alfonse Nazzaro
Pastoral Administrator





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ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL: *A Community that*

Often when I am meeting with people, I get the same request, “So, Gabe, tell me what is so great about All Saints?” This question should be an easy one to answer, but the fact is that we have so many great things, it is hard to choose just one. And over the past month, I have seen all of these great things become even greater.

Typically, I answer this question by talking about our loving and caring teachers, the respectful and determined students, and the commitment of the entire All Saints community. And now in this pandemic climate, all of these have been magnified.

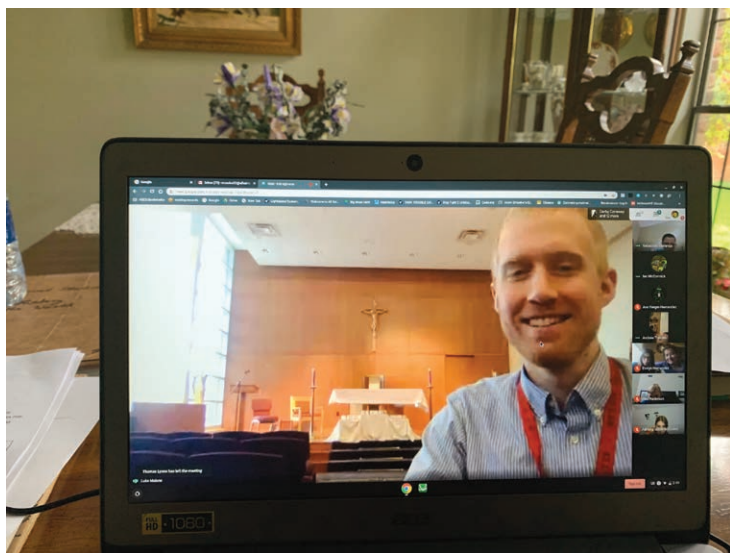
The teachers of All Saints are some of the most dedicated and determined people I have ever met. The decision from Governor Abbott to suspend activities at schools came in the last few days of our Spring Break. The Monday morning we returned, all the teachers were eager to learn new ways of delivering instruction so the students could still grow academically. Within two days, All Saints launched the e-learning program which has had great reviews from our parents. This only happened because of the leadership of the All Saints administration and the execution by the teachers who refused to let their students go without the last quarter of

academic instruction. The teachers are doing an amazing job of working with students and ensuring that each one has what they need to be successful.

To view some examples of the e-learning program at All Saints and hear about the synchronous and asynchronous learning that is going on, visit our e-learning webpage at <https://sites.google.com/allsaintsk8.org/e-learning-at-all-saints/home>.

The students of All Saints have also responded in an incredibly resilient way. All Saints has a robust technology program that truly benefitted the students in this transition. All students in the intermediate and middle school grades have a Chromebook and begin to learn how to use the collaborative Google Suite for Education and Google classroom. So when the school transitioned to e-learning, the students were already familiar with a digital way to communicate and turn in assignments. And I must say, after a few bumps early on, the students are thriving in this less-than-ideal situation. They are also learning the importance of resilience and self-advocacy.

The community of All Saints is absolutely amazing. Parents and parishioners volunteer their time at All Saints





Comes Together During a Time of Crisis

By GABE MORENO, ASCS Director of Advancement and Mission

Catholic School, a hallmark of a great parish and school relationship. The church and the school have enjoyed the benefits of a close relationship over the past few years, and it definitely showed on May 5, during North Texas Giving Day Now. The COVID-19 pandemic has affected many people in our community. At our school, numerous families reached out to let us know they have lost jobs, have reduced hours, or have been furloughed, which greatly reduces their ability to pay tuition. In response, All Saints put out a call to all in our community to donate money through North Texas Giving Day Now for emergency tuition assistance so families who were financially impacted by the pandemic can continue their education at All Saints. I was both humbled and proud when, at the end of the day, I checked our donation totals and saw that our community raised over \$21,000 to help these families.

All Saints is truly blessed to have incredible people in our community; teachers who love their students so much

that they work twice as hard to keep students growing academically; students who are respectful, determined, and resilient enough to change the mode of learning and not miss a beat; and a community that rallies together to help those in need. There is an old saying that tough times reveal our true nature. In the case of All Saints Catholic School, these tough times have not only revealed but accentuated our true nature — a community that comes together to do whatever it takes to ensure everyone is cared for.

If you are interested in having your student join our school community, there are limited openings in select classes. For more information, contact Viviana Stanford at VStanford@AllSaintsk8.org. And now you can visit our school virtually. Click the link below to tour All Saints Catholic School and learn more about our Blue Ribbon Award-winning school.

<https://360.gotorest.com/sphere/all-saints-catholic-school-tour?scene=5ea17d92ffd0e1b844a5bd69>

Reopening All Saints Catholic Church — Phase 1 Schedule

*Pastoral Office — open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
(closed for lunch, noon to 1 p.m.)*

*Church — open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday,
noon to 3 p.m. on Friday and as indicated for confessions below.*

*Confession — Thursday mornings, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.;
Evening, 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.*

*Livestream Schedule — We will continue to Livestream Daily Mass
and adoration. The most current Livestream schedule can be found
on our website and social media pages.*



Stewardship and Faith During Tough Times

These are uncertain and frightening times. At press time of this newsletter, we are unable to come together for Mass, and we're wondering, "How can we be a church when we can't come to our churches to celebrate Mass?"

During this and any crisis, one thing that remains constant is the Catholic Church and the unwavering support the Church offers. Throughout history, Catholics have sustained their communities in their homes during countless seasons of persecution or hardship, and living through a modern crisis is no different.

Now, more than ever, we must remember our parish truly is a community. The physical building in which we worship and pray is not the Church. *We* are the Church.

During a crisis, prayer is more important than ever. Though we may be isolated, through prayer, we can embrace the unity of faith we all share as Catholics.

As faithful stewards, we must remember everything we have is a gift from God and, in turn, we must be grateful and offer all that we do back to Him. We may be physically distanced from others, but we still have an opportunity to spiritually unite each day. A simple prayer such as the Morning Offering — a prayer said by an individual at the start of the day in order to consecrate oneself to Christ — is a great way to unite daily with Catholics around the world and claim our homes and our daily living for Christ. What's more, as you devote more time to personal and family prayer, remember to lift up in prayer all of our civil and religious leaders during this time, as well as our parishioners and community members.

There are other ways through which we can stay connected as a parish family. Call a friend from our parish community. Ask how they're doing, how they are living their faith during this time, and how they might need help. You can also keep in touch with each other and our pastor and parish leaders and staff on our various media platforms, including our parish website at www.allsaintsdallas.org/church, and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/AllSaintsCatholicChurchDallasTX/.

Stewardship, at its roots, also teaches that we are not supposed to give God our leftovers. We should instead strive to return to God a portion of our first fruits — giving to God

first and then using the rest for our other needs. This idea can be worrisome for many, especially during a crisis. Taking the correct steps toward good stewardship in every aspect of our lives boils down to trust and believing that God, who takes care of all His creation, will take care of us.

Prayerfully consider continuing to give a portion of your treasure back to God and our parish by making your regular gift to the offertory if you are able to do so. You can give at our online giving portal at www.allsaintsdallas.org/giving/, or you can drop a check in the mail to the parish office. Our mailing address is:

All Saints Catholic Church
5231 Meadowcreek Drive
Dallas, Texas 75248

There will come a day, soon, when we will worship together again. Remain hopeful and pray unceasingly. As we continue to navigate these uncertain times, remember there is hope. Our God is a great God, and He will not abandon us.

MORNING OFFERING

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, for the salvation of souls, the reparation of sins, the reunion of all Christians, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father this month.

Amen.





Meet Our New Business Manager

Philip Muscat—Blessed and Grateful to Work at All Saints

Business Manager Philip Muscat has been a dedicated volunteer at All Saints for a while. In fact, he did so much volunteering that his family always joked that he worked for the church. He has also done work at the Kamel Life Center and Communications Office at All Saints for about two years.

Well, his family can't joke anymore, because after much discussion with his wife, Vasser, Philip decided he would try to get a full-time position as soon as the opportunity unfolded.

"By the grace of God, Susan Holmes announced her retirement as Business Manager, and I was blessed to be selected for this position," Philip says.

Philip began working as our Business Manager in early February. He brings to the position a vast array of past work experience — from store operations to marketing management — and we are so thankful to have him. He earned an accounting degree from Eastern Michigan University and a Master's of Business Administration from Michigan State University.

So far, Philip has enjoyed his new role, which he describes as a "secular support" to Fr. Alfonse Nazzaro. Philip looks forward to continuing the stewardship example modeled by Susan Holmes.

The COVID-19 pandemic has put on hold some of Philip's goals.

Working from home has been a bit of a challenge, as he is not able to be physically present with coworkers. However, Philip has worked from home with past positions, so this unique circumstance was not new to him.

"Thank God I worked for All Saints almost two years in other capacities that allowed me to pre-learn the 'behind the scenes' of the operations of the parish," he says. "We are stretching into new areas not typically handled by the Business Manager."

The pandemic has also meant that lots of work has been done on the website and social media to keep parishioners engaged, and Philip says this is more important now than ever.

Philip looks forward to continuing to learn from his fellow staff and parishioners. He also wants to be a good steward of parish assets. As he oversees about 30 staff members, he wants to be someone who is trustworthy and humble.

So far, Philip has enjoyed working more closely with our parish priests, and he has been continually inspired by their dedication to their vocation. Overall, he believes working at All Saints is a blessing and he appreciates working with "other like-minded people."

"Working for All Saints now is the next level of my education and inspiration to live the life that God fully intends for us," he says.



Business Manager Philip Muscat with his wife, Vasser, on their wedding day



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Announcing a New Virtual Offering for Adult Faith Formation



Catholics Awakened

"Awake, O sleeper, and arise" ... (Eph 5:14)

- Are you a Catholic who feels separated from the Church?
- Are you concerned about how the church deals with moral and religious issues in our society today?
- Do you want to feel more at home in the Church?
- Are you someone who needs a starting point to understand your faith more fully?

In this unprecedented time of social distancing, be a part of our candid and open discussion about the Catholic faith.

Join us in our 7-Week series.

Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 6:30 pm

Online via Zoom.

For information and registration

Go to: www.catholicsawakened.org

or Email: catholicsawakened@gmail.com

Vision Foodshare Program *continued from front cover*

what they can to meet those needs. Calls have been made to parishioners to check on them, and those with concerns were connected with local organizations that can help.

One of the biggest blessings that may come from all of this is our ability to connect with parishioners via YouTube and social media. Philip says this newly formed and still informal ministry could use more volunteers to grow. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, All Saints has started live-streaming Masses, as well as posting reflections and educational materials.

"Our YouTube channel has gone from zero to almost 500 parishioners subscribing for material in less than one month," Philip says. "Our parishioners have appreciated our efforts. We have received numerous emails, voicemail messages, phone calls and letters thanking the parish for all that we are doing to support our parishioners in need, as well as our social media efforts."

Parish staff has also been providing status updates and informational emails multiple times each week to all parishioners with an email address on file.

Philip asks anyone who is financially able, to donate food or money for the Vision Foodshare program. There are white donation boxes for food at the Meadowcreek entrance to our church. Monetary donations can be mailed to All Saints or dropped off at the Pastoral Office. Checks should have a comment at the bottom to support "Vision Food Share." Also, as Philip notes, those with social media talents should let our parish office know if you want to volunteer to help the efforts. Calls can be made to 972-661-9282.

"The entire All Saints clergy and staff are looking forward to having all our parishioners back home in our church as soon as possible," he says. "They are all in our prayers, and we hope we are in their prayers as well."

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During the phased reopening of All Saints please refer to the bulletin, website and social media for current livestreaming schedule and updates as we move through the phases mandated by the Diocese of Dallas.