

My dear friends in Christ,

It's difficult to believe that we are in the eighth week of not being able to come together as the Church. Lent ended, Holy Week passed, and we are now in the Fourth Week of Easter.

I've been told that Risen Savior has always prided itself on being a generous parish that steps up when there is need. Deacon Mark told me the story of how in 2001 the parish collected enough pinto beans and cash donations to provide one million meals to the Tarahumara Indians in the Copper Canyon region of Mexico.

Today, I'm asking you to once again step up. I know you understand that we rely on the generous donations of our parishioners for all our operating expenses. While we may not be coming together for Mass, the work and mission of the parish continue as do most of our expenses. I am happy to tell you that we have been able to pay our staff and keep them busy; many of you have probably received a phone call from one of them. We also have many maintenance expenses as well as utilities and outreach.

At this time of uncertainty I ask you to help us by giving generously to your parish. While many have given freely, our contributions are down to about 60% of where they need to be.

You may visit the parish website to give online, mail a contribution or drop it in the mail slot at the parish office.

I thank you in advance for your unselfish gifts.

May God grant you peace and health.

*Father Charles*

