



## ST. ROSE OF LIMA PARISH

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Dear Parishioners,

As Pastor of Saint Rose, I call all parishioners to be aware of the need to reflect and pray fervently about their commitment of time and treasure during this recent crisis in the Church. The Parish Finance Council reports over the past few months that we are now \$80,000 under our projected goal. This decline in giving will impact our many ministries and professional staff that strive so well to serve numerous pastoral needs. Withdrawing donations to the Church has become a response that some have chosen. The negative impact of that choice, however, affects our parish life more than the operation of the Archdiocese.

Failure to protect and serve the community on part of the hierarchy cannot be perpetuated by our failure to provide at the local level the means necessary to fulfill our mission to serve, love, and heal others. The gifts God has given us are meant to be shared. Saint Rose of Lima has a beautiful history of continually responding to the unique needs of the local community. The call for such sharing continues today. Together, we recognize that the need for healing is ever present.

I plan to collaborate with all of you, so that we may be inspired by the Holy Spirit to encourage the dynamic gifts of all the faithful at Saint Rose to become a parish of healing. Our parish is being called to become a community of light, hope, and love for others. As the Christ child brought light into a dark world, let us discern together how we will become light for one another and those in need during these dark times for our Church.

We can respond passively by withdrawing and demanding change from afar, or we can do the necessary work through Christ, which will lead us to the Hope we all desire. Let us together help the Church heal through our presence, our prayers, our questions, our advocacy, and our charitable giving. Together, our willingness to walk through the darkness, confident that the sparks of Christ's light will guide us to serve by offering healing that is so desperately needed today. Join and share as we call for stewardship that cultivates healing in Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Mateo

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