

Pulpit Announcements

Please use the appropriate pulpit announcement below *weekly beginning the first weekend of October and ending the second weekend of November.*

Week 1 – Thank you and Please Consider a Gift

Every parishioner can fully participate in the mission of our Catholic Church and the continued works of Jesus Christ by participating in the Annual Pastoral Appeal. For those who have made a gift or pledge to the Annual Pastoral Appeal, **thank you.** Your sacrifice gives hope to those in need throughout our diocese.

If you weren't prepared to make a commitment earlier this year, we ask you to make a gift or pledge of support to the essential ministries, programs and services of our diocese now. Please prayerfully consider the blessings you have been given, and the prayers answered in your times of need.

Our diocesan outreach efforts are a true blessing to those we serve, fulfilling the physical, educational, and spiritual needs of thousands that we could not serve from our parish alone. Your gift may be paid over the next couple of months or you can make a one-time gift. Every gift is courageous, there is no gift too small and every gift changes a life and can inspire hope for those we serve. Pledge envelopes are located (*describe where you have the envelopes*) for your convenience.

Week 2 – Ministry Update and Thank you

Thank you to all who have made a gift to the Annual Pastoral Appeal this year. Generously supporting the appeal provides necessary services, such as human resources, insurance, construction, and financial guidance to our own parish, as well as offer services, faith formation programs, ministries, and programs outside of our parish boundaries. Please know, our diocesan ministers have taken a time of great challenge and turned it into a time of great blessings. Visit www.dosp.org/2020ministryupdate to learn more about the innovative ways our diocesan ministries have adapted, and make your gift today!

Thank you, and may God continue to bless you.

Week 3 – Did you know...

Did you know that when God closes a door, he always opens a window? Throughout the pandemic, the ministries of the Diocese of St. Petersburg have found creative ways to serve. For example:

+ From discernment events via Zoom Chats with seminarians to livestreaming Ordination for our three new priests, the Vocations Office has developed new ways to help young men decide if they are being called to the priesthood.

+ Catholic Charities worked with the City of Tampa and Hillsborough County to provide shelter for homeless in downtown Tampa and over two months served almost 10,000 meals. They are now collaborating on a permanent Hillsborough Hope location to continue serving this population.

+ The Office of Marriage and Family Life quickly changed diocesan marriage preparation programs to virtual sessions and provided resources to those needing to postpone their weddings. Staff then adapted the layout and event flow of their retreat at Bethany Center to safely continue serving 159 couples currently pursuing marriage in our Church.

And these are just a few of the changes made to ensure the outreach of our larger Church continues. Take a few moments to see how our diocesan ministers have taken a time of great challenge and turned it into a time of great blessings. Visit www.dosp.org/2020ministryupdate to learn more about this and other ministries supported through the Annual Pastoral Appeal, and make your gift today!

Week 3 - Thank you and Ministry Update

Thank you to everyone who has generously responded to the 2020 Annual Pastoral Appeal. _____ households have responded generously with \$ _____ in pledges and gifts toward our goal of \$ _____. Your gifts are received with great humility, thanks, and gratitude by the thousands of people supported through your donation. As we journey together, let's give thanks for those who have courageously adapted their ministry so we can continue bringing our Good Works to thousands throughout our diocese. To learn more about how our diocesan ministries continue serving in Christ's name, visit our diocesan website at www.dosp.org/2020ministryupdate and discover something new about our local Church outreach.

Please know we want and need the participation of our entire parish family. Every gift, every prayer, and every sacrifice brings hope to someone seeking the love and mercy of Christ. Visit <https://s.dosp.org/give> to make your gift today!

Week 4 – Thank you and Parish Update

Our parish is filled with caring, generous people who understand and embrace the Annual Pastoral Appeal (APA) and the good that it brings to our parish and to our diocese. **Thank you** to all who have given a sacrificial gift to this year's APA. Your generosity to APA supports the mission of Jesus Christ, allowing us to bring God's love and mercy past our parish boundaries.

Thank you to the _____ who have responded generously to the 2020 Annual Pastoral Appeal. We have reached \$ _____ toward our goal of \$ _____.

If you have not yet made a gift, it's never too late. You are His Salt and Light for the world to see. Let faith be your guide, hope be your inspiration and love inspire your action. Every gift of every size spreads the loving message of Jesus Christ. Visit <https://s.dosp.org/give> to make your gift today!

Week 5 – Thank you and Parish Update

We all have received countless blessings and the gift of faith which God so freely gives us. The theme for the 2020 Annual Pastoral Appeal, *WE ARE SALT & LIGHT, Living the Gospel through the Annual Pastoral Appeal*, calls us to action to be disciples of Jesus Christ and help to share his love and mercy to all. Please continue to pray for those in need and for those seeking a better life in and through Jesus Christ. With a gift to the Annual Pastoral Appeal, you help our parish to prosper and you give witness to God's abundant blessings by demonstrating a courageous and grateful response to His call to love and serve one another.

If you have not made your gift yet, your help is still very much needed. We are striving for 100% participation to reach our goal. Please remember, every gift is courageous and makes a difference. Commitment envelopes are located (*describe where you have the envelopes*) for your convenience. Please continue to pray for the success of the Annual Pastoral Appeal and consider a gift or pledge if you have not done so already. Thank you.