

Warm Greetings from Mission San Diego!

Now that the dust has settled after the Christmas season, we are slowly getting back into our “new normal.” We are all looking to the New Year to bring some relief from 2020. With the vaccines rolling out, hopefully we will be much safer and soon be able to again celebrate our Masses in our beautiful Mission Church and the Saint Francis Chapel. How fortunate we have been to have the lovely setting of our main courtyard to gather for worship. Once again, we wish to thank our staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to help us set up and clean up and sanitize after all our daily and weekend Masses.

Just prior to Christmas I put out a plea for financial support for the Parish. Even though we have increasing numbers at our weekend Masses, attendance is still down over 50%, which of course has affected our income. Thankfully, we have been able to keep all employees on payroll and expect this to continue. In response to my plea, I wish to express a profound word of gratitude for your generosity during the 2-3 weeks that surrounded Christmas. Your donations even surpassed our Christmas collection from previous years, which is remarkable considering attendance was about half our usual Christmas attendance.

Looking forward, we are aware we will have some challenges navigating our way into the Lenten Season. However, we hope to provide as many services as possible to make our Lenten journey rich and meaningful for all. Please watch the bulletin and Flocknotes for updates. Thank you.

Wishing you every grace and blessings in the New Year!

Fr. Peter M. Escalante