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# Women of St. Joseph

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## President's Message

Ladies,

*March started off with our Lenten Supper on March 6, only to grind to a halt the following week. Thank you to those that worked so hard on the Lenten Retreat (hosted by Sister Marcia's group) and the St. Patrick's Day Dinner (organized by Adrienne Stephens and her volunteers).*

*We've been in Shelter In Place since then. Some of us are older and need to stay in our homes 24/7 and some have young children that are now home 24/7. Those that have jobs are trying to either keep them or figure out how to do them from home. Students have been sent home and finances are too scary to look at. This is a time when we need to reach out to share suggestions on how to handle the isolation, fear of the unknown and new ways to live in the Bay Area. Sometimes, we need to share movies we are watching, calling family and friends we've lost touch with, and encourage each other that we will get through this. My mother has told me that I no longer need to give her lectures on how she shouldn't go shopping and needs to stay home. (When you have seven children, and you get "the lecture" seven times, I guess it can be a bit much.)*

*The WOSJ board will contact each of you over the next weeks, to see how you are doing. I promise, we won't be giving you "the lecture". If you need someone's contact info (phone or email), we can help you get this. Please look at the St. Joseph Church website [www.saintjosephmsj.org](http://www.saintjosephmsj.org), for all the past WOSJ newsletters and the announcements for Easter, Masses, Faith Formation and any Parish activity. It has some great links to some religious websites. I clicked on one for the daily mass at the Vatican which I enjoyed.*

*The month of April was planned to have our "Care of Creation" meeting, but this will be postponed until a later date. I'm hoping we can have a "Game Night" at our May 19th meeting. Please think about becoming a Board member for the WOSJ, and let me or any other Board member know you are interested. We would love to have you as part of our team for 2020-2021.*

*Blessings and Good Health*

*Judy Huckabay*

WOSJ President

## **\*\*\*NOTE FROM OUR SPIRITUAL CHAIRPERSON**

*Dear friends do your best at this difficult time. Keep God in your life and share His love with all you know. Many of us have friends or family that have medical challenges complicating this situation. Please keep them in your prayers during this challenging pandemic.*

*Do not forget this is Eastertide and remember that Jesus gave His life for us. Celebrate privately at home appreciating all the gifts God has given us including our WOSJ friends. Share Easter joy with your friends and family using phones and computers.*

*Love prayers and virtual hugs.*

*Donna Phair*

Spiritual Chairperson

*P.S. One way we have coped is by making many prayer shawls so please let us know if you need one. I will deliver to your doorstep (freshly washed and sealed in a plastic bag for a minimum of 3 days) and I will leave a Clorox to wipe for you to pick up the bag. We are isolating too.*



*“Let nothing disturb you,  
nothing frightens you,  
all things are passing,  
God is unchanging.*

*Patience gains all;  
nothing is lacking to those who have God:  
God alone is sufficient.”*

*St. Teresa of Avila*



### Prayer of Pope Francis During the Coronavirus Pandemic

*O Mary,*

*you always shine on our path  
as a sign of salvation and of hope.*

*We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.*

*You, Salvation of the Roman People,  
know what we need,*

*and we are sure you will provide  
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,  
we may return to joy and to feasting  
after this time of trial.*

*Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform to the will of the Father  
and to do as we are told by Jesus,  
who has taken upon himself our sufferings  
and carried our sorrows  
to lead us, through the cross,  
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.*

*Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are  
in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.*

### \*\*\*NOTE FROM OUR PARLIAMENTARIAN

Dear W.O.S.J. Angels, I miss all the things I took for granted. I continue to have many blessings and need to stay positive.

Wishing you all the same. Hang in there one day at a time or one minute at a time and know this too shall pass it even if it's hell in the hallway.

Love, peace, prayers, and blessings,

*Madelyn Rudy*



*Happy Birthday to those born  
in April*

Frances Haagerson	4/1	Kim Nguyen	4/9
Sylvia Hinds	4/2	Kerin Romero	4/28
Joanne Laus	4/5	April Mempin	4/30
Toni Shellen	4/5		