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Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Joseph Parish,

Archbishop Mark Haverland advises on the Provincial website parishes in the Anglican Catholic Church continue holding services to the extent possible and in compliance with local laws. He specifically instructs us to follow civil authorities in matters of "shelter-in-place" laws.

The situation concerning COVID-19 is very fluid and changes almost by the minute. Different states and indeed different counties within California are handling the matter in different ways.

San Mateo County modified its shelter-in-place law on Monday March 16. Churches and other places of worship are now no longer exempt from the shelter-in-place law and may not hold services.

I initially wrote services at Saint Joseph Parish would continue uninterrupted. That decision was based on San Mateo County's shelter-in-place law from Friday March 13, which did exempt churches. In consultation with Parish Counsel and after much prayer and consideration...I have decided to cancel all services at Saint Joseph Parish until further notice.

During these difficult times we as a parish can prayer together from home. I encourage you to maintain your Lenten Discipline...and set some time aside Sunday to ask God for guidance and his grace.

I am fully reachable by cell phone. Please do not hesitate to call. In the meantime...I will send out a sermon by e-mail to all parishioners...probably Sunday afternoon.

I remain yours in Christ,

Father Craig Looney +
Rector