

S.O.S. (Wednesday morning, November 18, 2020)

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I learned much in my 45th year of life that guide me these days. Two adages particularly stand out. First, "Be a Leader. Lead!" Second, "Flexibility is the KEY to Airpower." So as your leader, I have some sad news. After consultation with my staff and some others, I have decided to close the Church of all activities except weekend Masses, and even these may go virtual soon. This is a judgment call that I feel is necessary to make s you pastor and shepherd. I am most concerned for my staff and the many ministers that make up our Church. Most of you know of my ministry at the Veterans Administration Medical Center. I would call that a "Hot Zone." Leaving there and coming to Church seems like asking for trouble right now. Again, my call.

We, the Church, will try to provide updates and virtual encouragement during these next few months as we negotiate this Corona Virus pandemic. Our website and Apps will keep you informed. "Flexibility is key", meaning that I ask you to embrace the changes in a positive way. Make the phrase "Pop Positive" mean something else for you.

By staying safe, you can "positively" make a difference to those closest to you. Be positive! Don't let depression dominate your experience. Get back to being creative "on your own." Blast "your" trumpet. Walk "your" dog. Color "your" book - and only stay between the lines if you need and want to.

More to come, and sorry for the sad news. Let's pray for each other.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Jim Bastian