

Men's Club Newsletter

April 2020 Edition

Next General Meeting
Date to be determined
APRIL GENERAL MEETING CANCELLED

President's Message for April 2020

What a difference a month makes, just last month we were looking forward to spring and all the opportunities to gather and share the great outdoors. Today we find ourselves under a shelter in place advisory.

As many of you are aware, we have canceled the chuck wagon BBQ scheduled for March 28th and the soup and stations gathering for March 27 is also canceled. The BBQ will be rescheduled later in the year if possible.

At the general meeting on March 3rd we were treated to an excellent presentation on "Electric Vehicle Technologies" from David O' Rourke. The general meeting was very well attended, and we were pleased to have hosted several non-members from the parish.

Our board is currently experimenting with some remote meeting technologies and if feasible, we may start to use it for general meetings in the future.

I recommend our members who are looking for remote masses and Lenten prayers to check out our parish website at [Http://www.saintjosephmsj.org](http://www.saintjosephmsj.org)

I encourage everyone to call each other, stay in touch remotely and manage the isolation. It is critical to keep our spirits up during these times. Share with each other how you are managing and pertinent information you may have.

Stay safe and continue to pray, we will get beyond this rough patch and life will slowly return to our normal routine.

Ashley Weerpass
St. Joseph Men's Club President

Monthly message from the Spiritual VP

We are all dealing with this novel coronavirus pandemic facing a number of difficult issues including loss of income and questions about getting the necessities of life. Let us remember the words of our Lord:

Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat [or drink], or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the

birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they? (Matt 7: 25-ff)

This current crisis is making us face and question the most important issues in life. I don't think it is any coincidence that this is the season of Lent, which is supposed to help us do just that. I ask, without this crisis, would we be able to live the best Lent of our lives? We are concerned about ourselves and our loved ones to provide the best physical care possible. Let us not forget to provide spiritual care for our families, firstly by praying for them, and then by giving them the example of a prayerful life. Many of our families have left the Faith. We don't need to beat them over the head with it or tell them that this pestilence is a punishment to a godless culture. We need to calmly accompany them on their journey as they question with fear what is happening. Just as the Gospel tells us that "He makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. (Mt 5:45)", so we can stand by the wayside, "watching and praying" (Matt 26:41), as God waters the souls of our friends and family with graces, prepared to step in when they reach out to us.

We are told to shelter in place, maintain social distancing, and reduce our external activity to the minimum. When I have to go out, like to the store for food, since I am already out, I go to visit one of our open churches to pray. They are mostly deserted, so it is much easier to maintain social distancing than going to the store. When I go to pray, at home or anywhere else, I sit quietly with my Gospel and read and repeat key phrases that help me focus on what is important, like the following:

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus (Phil 1:6)

The eye has not seen, the ear has not heard, and it has not entered into the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love Him (1 Cor 2:9)

We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose (Rom 8: 28)

We are permitted to go out to walk, for exercise, maintaining social distancing. My gym is closed and I need to exercise rather than sitting at home eating comfort food. Central Park is open and visitors are welcome to come and walk, maintaining social distancing. It takes 30 to 45 minutes to walk the two miles around Lake Elizabeth.

And finally, the Church will go forward. We need to keep in mind the future. I am continuing my initiative to pray for two of our seminarians each month. For April please pray for Alvaro Santamaria and Aiden Cameron-Smith, who are pictured on the poster at the back of the church. Let us also pray for our current priests, who run risks delivering counseling, confession and other sacraments in this time.

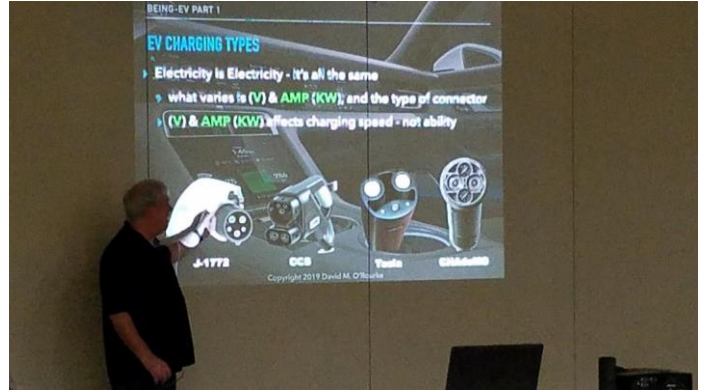
I have a prayer workshop that I have put together. If anyone wants a copy, email me.

Dennis Dubro
Spiritual VP

Recent Events:

General Meeting: Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Our March meeting treated over 20 guys to a great presentation by David O'Rourke on Electric Vehicles. We learned about their efficiency advantages over gasoline-powered vehicles as well as their low cost of maintenance and operation. David went into great detail on what setup you need in your garage to charge most models for everyday use. And he explored just how easy it is to find charging stations in the event of a "road warrior" experience in California or across the States. And besides all that, they are a blast to drive! Gary will be looking to challenge David's Model 3 at the next Porsche Club event with his vintage race car. But looking at the numbers, it appears Gary will get his doors blown off! See picture below from the meeting.



Board Meeting (Tuesday, March 10, 2020): See meeting minutes on the St. Joseph Men's club website.

Upcoming Events:

St. Patrick's Day Dinner – Cancelled due to shelter in place

Chuckwagon BBQ

Chuckwagon BBQ Postponed – Due to the Coronavirus outbreak, we have postponed the Chuckwagon BBQ. The Board is discussing what dates we would like to reschedule it to. After we agree on a few dates, we will work with the office to see which date is agreeable with them. We will inform you as soon as we have a new date. Steve Conn 510-220-6710

Miscellaneous items:

St. Joseph Men's Club Joe Faria Scholarship Award

The St. Joseph Men's Club encourages high school senior men and women to apply for the \$500 **Joseph Faria Memorial Scholarship** awarded annually for service to the St. Joseph Parish/Mission San Jose community. The idea is to reinforce students continuing to make contributions to the Parish and/or community while "away" at High School. The application form must be downloaded from the St. Joseph Parish website on the St. Joseph Men's Club page, word-processed, and submitted by email to Gary Dorigi at gdorigi@comcast.net. Deadline for submission is Friday, May 1, 2020. The award will be presented in June. By Gary Dorigi

New Website:

In March, we launched a new website, <https://SaintJosephMen.org>. We hope this site can be a one-stop-shop for both our current and potential members to find all the information they need. We would love to have your feedback on what can be improved or what is missing. Please send comments to our "webmaster", Steve Conn, sfconn@gmail.com, 510-220-6710. By Steve Conn

Recognition:

An email from Don Kaefer to Dennis Dubro inspired me to include in our newsletter some recognition to members for their good deeds. Thanks to Dennis and the Jeremiah family for getting a food drive started for individuals that need help.

Request for prayers:

Dennis Dubro, our Spiritual VP, is encouraging us to pray for our seminarians whose pictures are on a poster in the back of the church (and below). This month please pray for John Paul Rabago and Narcisso Bernardo.



Version 3/26/2020 St. Joseph Men's Club Calendar, 2020

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>January</u></p> <p>7th: General Meeting: Rosemary Alva (Statue at our Lady of Peace)</p> <p>18th Jan: Crèche+Tree Tear-Down @ 9am</p> <p>21st:Board Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>February</u></p> <p>4th: General Meeting: Jay Shellen (Railroad preservation and modeling)</p> <p>9th Feb: Combined WOSJ & Men's Club Mass and Breakfast</p> <p>18th: Board Meeting (at Ashley's)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>March</u></p> <p>3rd: General Meeting: <i>Elect car</i></p> <p>10th Mar. <i>Board Meeting -Ash house</i></p> <p>14th: BBQ ticket Sales -canceled</p> <p>17th: St. Patrick's day WOSJ-canceled</p> <p>21st: BBQ ticket Sales-canceled</p> <p>3/27: Soup & Stations- canceled</p> <p>28th: Chuckwagon BBQ- Rescheduled</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>April</u></p> <p>5th: Help w/ Palm Sunday-canceled</p> <p>7th: General Meeting- canceled</p> <p>11th: Help w/Easter Vigil -canceled</p> <p>11th WOSJ & Men's club host RCIA reception- canceled</p> <p>12th Easter Sunday-canceled</p> <p>21st: Board Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>May</u></p> <p>1st: Grade 4 Walk/ BBQ (mission walk)</p> <p>5th: General Meeting: <i>Speaker TBD</i></p> <p>7th: Accelerated Reader's Lunch</p> <p>16th May: Santa Cruzan</p> <p>17th: Pancake Breakfast</p> <p>19th: Board Meeting</p> <p>30th & 31st International Festival</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>June</u></p> <p>2nd: General Meeting: <i>Speaker TBD</i></p> <p>12th: 6th Grade Scholarship</p> <p>16th: Board Meeting</p> <p>TBD: 12th Grade Joe Faria Memorial Scholarship</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>July</u></p> <p>7th: General Meeting,</p> <p>21st: Board Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>August</u></p> <p>4th: General Meeting,</p> <p>18th: Board Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>September</u></p> <p>1st: Meeting, Spouse's Dinner in church hall</p> <p>15th: Board Meeting</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>October</u></p> <p>6th: General Meeting,</p> <p>20th: Board Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>November</u></p> <p>3rd: General Meeting,</p> <p>7th: BBQ Lunch for Olive Harvest</p> <p>17th: Board Meeting</p> <p>20-22nd: Men's Weekend Retreat,</p> <p>TBD: Crèche Set-up</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>December</u></p> <p>1st: Meeting, <i>Election + Feedback for 2020 + Retreat Discussion</i></p> <p>TBD: Christmas Party</p> <p>15th: Board Turnover Meeting</p> <p>TBD: Tree+Nativity Set-up</p>

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Men's Club New Members:

The Men's Club of St. Joseph Catholic Church at Mission San Jose share common interests in three aspects of life within our parish community. These are Fellowship, Service, and Spirituality. Our club welcomes men of all ages. General Meetings are typically held on the 1st Tuesday of the month, starting at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. We begin with Pizza & Beverages, followed by a speaker, and finishing with a brief discussion of upcoming items.

To join the Men's club:

1. Send your contact information to our Membership VP (name, address, email, & phone)
2. Write a check for \$40 to St. Joseph's Men's Club (\$20 for dues, \$20 for shirt *{specify size}*)
3. Confirm the date & location of the next meeting on the Parish website: <http://bit.ly/StJosMensClub>

Please join us at our next General Meeting. We look forward to meeting you!

St. Joseph's Men's Club Membership Application

First Name	Street Address
Last Name	City
Spouse's Name	Zip Code
Email Address	Check # or Cash
Cell Phone	Shirt Size
Home Phone	Date