

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

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WE ARE OPEN FOR BUSINESS AND VERY BUSY! WE'LL HELP WHERE WE CAN.

As you might guess, we are received many requests for help during this time of crisis. If you know someone who needs help with the very basics of life and can't afford them, **please** refer them to us at **415 454 6420** and we will do what we can to help with essentials such as food, rent, utilities, etc.

We've had many request for food. On Wednesday and Thursday of last week, we mailed, or delivered, more than forty gift (40) cards for food at local grocery stores! We aren't able to restock our pantry right now so these cards were the next best thing.

IT'S IMPORTANT TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH FAMILY, FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS WHO MAY BE VULNERABLE.

In times like these, the best in people comes out. People want to help. We also know from contacting people in the parish community that we thought might need help that the contact was appreciated and many expressed the wish to be called again. The calls are appreciated and needed now when many are more isolated and apprehensive about asking for help.

IF YOU HAVE FOOD TO DONATE, WE CAN USE IT.

At the present time, we are not distributing food from our pantry because we're trying to keep contact with people to a minimum and also because we do not want to compete for food in large amounts at local stores or Costco. In addition, we are missing your very generous donations of food left each weekend in the baskets at the church. You can still donate food by bringing it to our pantry which is located at the west end of the science classroom building at the back of the parking lot by the rectory garages. There are two blue bins placed there to receive food. These are checked daily.

IF YOU WISH TO DONATE.

Some of you have called to ask how you might help financially in this time. My reply has been that, for the present time, we are in good shape because of your generosity and our own fundraising. However, the present need is great and the future is unpredictable. Should you wish to help, donations

may be sent to the address above. Every cent you send will be used to help those who call for assistance.

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO TO HELP THOSE IN NEED. PLEASE HAVE THOSE IN NEED CONTACT US FOR HELP AT 415-454-6420.