



Suspension of MLF Activities

Effective March 19, 2020, we have suspended all meal prep, delivery and any volunteer activities for St. Francis of Assisi Mobile Loaves & Fishes. We are unsure when we will resume. We are monitoring and following the advice and guidance of the City of San Antonio and Archdiocese of SA. You will be notified several days before we resume so you can plan accordingly.

God bless you all and please continue to pray for everyone affected by this crisis.

Julie Mellin
Volunteer Coordinator on behalf of the Core Team

Pope Francis and the COVID-19 Pandemic

In a March 18, 2020 interview with the Italian newspaper, "*La Repubblica*," Pope Francis shared these comments:

"We need to rediscover the concreteness of small things, the small acts of kindness shown to those who are close to us, family, and friends. We need to realize that our treasure lies in small things. There are tiny gestures that sometimes get lost in the routine of everyday life, gestures of tenderness, affection, compassion, that are nevertheless decisive, important..."

Pope Francis continued: "We are all children of God,

and He watches over us. Even those who have not yet met God, those who do not have the gift of faith, can find their way through the good things that they believe in. They can find strength in their love for their children, their family, their brothers and sisters. Someone might say: 'I cannot pray because I do not believe'. But at the same time", concludes Pope Francis, "we can believe in the love of the people we have around us, and there we can find hope".

To read the full text of this article, click [Pope Francis interview](#).

COVID-19: A Prayer for Solidarity

The **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops** promotes the following [COVID-19 prayer](#):

For all who have contracted coronavirus,
we pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable,
we pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety,
we pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions
between food on the table or public safety,
we pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance,
we pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration
status, we pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world,
we pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decision makers,
we pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope,
comfort and love to all.

Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing.
Be with us, Lord. Amen.

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Coronavirus Information Sources

[Coronavirus](#) - World Health Organization

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) - U.S. Centers for Disease Control

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) – U.S. Centers for Disease Control / Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) – U.S. National Institutes of Health

[Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#) – Mayo Clinic

[Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#) – Texas Department of Health Services

[Coronavirus Resource Center](#) – Harvard Medical School

[Coronavirus Scams – What the FTC Is Doing](#) – U.S. Federal Trade Commission

[Coronavirus Tax Relief](#) – U.S. Internal Revenue Service

[Families First Coronavirus Response Act: Employer Paid Leave Requirements](#) – U.S. Department of Labor

[Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) – City of San Antonio Metropolitan Health District **This site includes emergency declarations, current statistics, and a**

Take a self-screening

survey tool.



MLF Birthday Party Postponed

As a result of the ongoing **COVID-19** health crisis and the city-wide ban on large public gatherings, the planned April 16th **MLF** birthday party at [Freetail Brewing](#) has been postponed.

Perhaps we can reschedule this event in the fall of 2020. In the interim, let us all pray for our **MLF** ministry, the brothers and sisters we serve, and all those affected by this pandemic.

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MLF News files: www.sfasat.org/MLF/mlfnews.htm

Upcoming Events

April 18 - 19 – Second Collection for **MLF**

A Quick Reminder...

- **Team Captains should notify mlfnw@sfasat.org before canceling a meal run.**
- Team Captains should record the walk-in freezer and refrigerator temperature readings in the temperature log book.
- Call the Commissary person (listed on the bulletin board) on duty when you encounter food supply shortages.
- Prepare **only** the amount of meals shown on the **Meals Calendar** posted on the refrigerator
- Wear gloves and a baseball cap / hairnet when prepping meals or bagging cookies.
- **Use a zip lock bag when re-bagging chips or cookies to help maintain their freshness.**
- Do not pack turkey & cheese and peanut butter & jelly sandwiches in the same zip lock bags (peanut food allergies).
- Sweep the floor and empty trash / recycling (into commercial bins) after each meal prep.
- Empty the dirty water from the clean-up pail after washing kitchen floors
- Ensure that doors to clothing bay and ice machine room are locked after prep shifts.
- Fill-out the [MLF Truck Run Log](#) after deliveries **and** use the bottom section to report any unusual events / problems that occur.
- Report truck maintenance issues / concerns to **David Aguilar** @ tgeagle2@att.net. □



Our **MLF** ministry mourns the passing of Edward “Ed” Woodruff. Along with his wife, Rose, Ed was a long-time MLF volunteer who worked on 1st Monday lunch prep teams. On February 24, 2020, Ed entered his eternal rest. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Rose, four sons, and numerous grandchildren. Please join us in prayers of comfort and support for his wife Rose and the entire Woodruff family. Charities that were special to Ed include: the SFA Mobile Loaves & Fishes and the SFA St. Vincent de Paul ministries.