

19 November 2020

Dear Friends,

When our brothers and sisters of Tent City IV (TC4) moved back here to Mary, Queen of Peace in January, we expected the duration would be for 120 days. We are so grateful that their stay with us was able to be extended throughout this pandemic. We were blessed to host TC4 for over nine months!

Thank you to so many people from MQP, neighboring churches, the City of Sammamish, and friends from all over who helped support our hosting of TC4 in so many ways, with: organizing logistics, moving in and out, bringing home-cooked meals, coordinating meals from local restaurants, financial contributions to defer utilities costs, prayers, etc.

During the first week of November, Faith Church received permit approval from the City of Sammamish to host TC4. We didn't know exactly when the permit approval would come, and once it did, the move happened rather quickly. We'll miss having TC4 here with us, but are grateful they are still nearby so that we can continue our friendship. And, we'll look forward to welcoming TC4 back to MQP someday soon! You can find more information about how you can help support TC4 at: faithunited.org/serve/tentcity4

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Earlier this week, the governor announced new statewide restrictions and recommendations. Even though we've been through this several times the past nine months, it doesn't get any easier to hear news like this. And, it is particularly distressful at the time of year when we're used to preparing for some of our most beloved holiday and family times.

The newly-announced restrictions and recommendations for religious gatherings do not change much of what we have already been doing here at MQP:

- The only change you'll notice at our celebration of Mass is that the cantor and pianist will now be wearing a facial covering at all times.
- The parish office remains closed, but minimal staff continue to be available Monday through Friday to answer the telephone, or you can ring the doorbell at the office door if you need brief, in-person assistance.
- Facial coverings and minimum six-foot distance between members of different households are still required while on MQP property and anywhere in the building.
- We will continue to live-stream Masses every day.

Thank you for all your prayers and staying connected to your MQP Family as best we can! I miss seeing many of you, and look forward to the day when it will be safer for all of us to be together in person.

Yours in Christ, through Mary, Queen of Peace,

Fr. Chad Green