

SANTA RITA ABBEY COVID-19 EXPERIENCE

Our experience of the corona virus has been one of mixed blessings. There have been gifts and there have been drawbacks:

- We have been impacted most by the loss of income due to the closing of churches since the pandemic. Income is slowly coming back as churches re-open. We support ourselves by making altar breads.
- We are profoundly grateful for the monetary donations and gift of face masks from other monasteries in our Order. We cannot thank you enough.
- The pandemic has heightened our awareness of the unity of humanity and our call to care and concern through prayer and concrete assistance in the little ways that we are able to help.
- We have closed our retreat house and do not have public worship while the corona virus remains rampant in Arizona.
- With less guests and very little altar bread work, we have had more time to take on projects that were postponed due to work demands.
- We feel a strong solidarity with all our brothers and sisters throughout the world as we all struggle through this and join all in prayer and the small, concrete ways we can respond.

We greet each community of our Order and want you to know of our prayer and support in the love of Christ.

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