

# St. Zachary Social Lenten Project TREE OF HOPE for Ukraine!



Over the past few weeks, the world has experienced emotions of fear, worry, and sadness by the news, stories, and images released from Ukraine, where innocent people are fighting for their lives. Pope Francis has asked us to support the Ukrainian people and said, " In recent days, we have been shaken by something tragic: war. Time and again, we have prayed that this road would not be taken. And let us not stop talking; indeed, let us pray to God more intensely."

As a community of believers, we will support the Ukrainian people with our prayers that peace may be restored to them and offer our financial support. In the Gathering area, you will find an area dedicated to our mission to help Ukraine. There is a "Tree of Hope- for Ukraine" that has empty envelopes on the tree's branches. We invite you to take an envelope and support our Brothers and Sisters who so desperately need our help at this time.

All envelopes with donations can be put in the regular weekend mass collections, given to the Ministry Center, or placed in the box under the tree **until April 10th**. Please do not hang completed envelopes back on the tree. All checks should be made payable to St. Zachary Parish and have "Ukraine" written on the memo line.

All donations collected will be sent directly to the Archdiocese of Lviv in Ukraine, to Archbishop Mieczystaw Mokrzycki, in the western part of Ukraine, where many people from the areas of war have found shelter. Archbishop Mokrzycki assures us that the funds will go directly to helping the people in great need.

May God, with His blessing, reward the goodness of your hearts and your solidarity with the Ukrainian people.

