

Dear Brothers and Sisters

We are celebrating the first Sunday of Lent this week. I hope you got off to a good start. In these busy and Covid filled times we may be tempted during these forty days to forget or neglect our mandate to pray, fast and give alms but hopefully we will persist. Ultimately these three behaviors help us in our efforts to be in right relationship as God's children. They signify right behavior that should be natural to us. Yet for many of us praying, fasting and almsgiving are very difficult and seem unnatural because they remain unpracticed and uncultivated in our lives. If you find that to be the case start small but do start. Small acts of prayer, fasting and alms giving still count. We have to learn to walk before we can run. Hopefully by the end of Lent we will have gained confidence, not so much in our own ability to do accomplish things successfully but that we are able to have an openness to whatever the Lord has in store.

If you are looking for something to pray about, pray for our parish and the changes that are taking place. I have been told that we have had several new families register. Welcome to all our new members. For two weeks I have been interviewing people who expressed an interest in being part of the Finance Council, the Parish Pastoral Council, the Building Committee and the Capital Campaign Committee. The interviewing process should be complete by the middle of next week. Those selected will be notified by mail prior to being introduced to the parish in these new roles. I am impressed with those I have interviewed so far. Our people have strong faith and a really powerful set of talents and skills coupled with a great enthusiasm. I am very hopeful for us going forward. We will make announcements as soon as possible.

I know many of you are also probably wondering how Holy Week will be celebrated this year. We are in the process of planing some of that right now. Yet some of this information remains illusive and troublesome due to Covid. As soon as we are able we will get that information to you. In the mean time diligently remain committed to our lenten journey.

Finally on a personal note. Tax time is near. I am currently seeking a tax professional in our parish that might assist me in preparing my taxes. If you are that person please contact me.

You are all in my prayers.

Fr. Michael