

## **PASTOR SHARES**

Dear brothers and sisters, greetings in the name of Jesus, the Lord! Hope you all are doing fine. By your valuable prayers, I too, am doing well.

- ❖ On 12<sup>th</sup> November, during our Deanery meeting, I was informed that all the restriction of Covid-19 has been withdrawn, except wearing mask and distancing 3 feet, which are optional. This is GOOD NEWS. The Pandemic situation has taught us a lot and we are grateful that God was with all our parishioners pouring out His abundant grace. He protected us from all harm and saved us to live longer.

Although we have been wary of this Pandemic situation, some of our parishioners used to approach me on weekdays for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion – as they were unwilling to attend Mass with the congregation. I appreciate them too. This shows that the faith of our community is still alive even though we were unable to meet as an assembly.

Now, God has allowed us to come together and pray together. We thank God for regaining our faith and calling us to worship Him as one family. We need to love our parish Church and use it. Our Church is the place where we come together as a community to praise and worship God, to thank Him for His blessings, to ask pardon and forgiveness for our sins, and to offer our lives and petitions on the altar. Let us make our Church an even more holy place by adding our prayers and songs to community worship and by offering our time and talents and treasure in the various ministries of our parish.

Hence, I ask you all to get back into the good habit of attending the Daily Masses and Weekends. Let us gather together and share God's blessings with one another. Let us meet and share the "good and bad" of the Pandemic. I long to see you all in the church.

In spite of many restrictions, from the State and the Diocese for the full participation of the assembly, some of our members were interested in keeping our faith alive and making the liturgy effective, especially the Choir, Ushers, Readers, Altar Servers, Sacristan, and the Knights of Columbus. We were unable to use Eucharistic Ministers at that time. That does not mean all other members were idle and abandoned the church. By your prayers you have been supporting the whole community. I sincerely thank one and all for your visible and invisible service to the community.

- ❖ I request the various Committees of our parish regain their responsibilities and take up the different activities that bring forth the gifts of the Holy Spirit to our parish community.

- ❖ Parents are the first teachers who impart the Faith to children. I strongly recommend the parents of the children present themselves for the CCD Classes and the Liturgical celebrations. They are the pillars of the future church. We need to teach them, support them, guide them, lead them to green pastures and provide them with a bright future.

At the same time, we need to understand that we have no Teachers / Catechists to take the CCD Classes. So, I ask you to please volunteer yourself for the sake of our children. Kindly enroll yourself with Annette Tipton or in our Office. We will begin our Classes as soon as possible.

There will be a “Quiz Program” for the children before Christmas. The winners will be rewarded during Christmas Mass. So, I request all the parents to sit with your children and read and explain the following passages and prepare them to know more about the Infant Jesus.

- The Gospel of Mathew Chapter 1:16 – Chapter 2: 23.  
The Gospel of Luke chapter 1: 1 – Chapter 2: 52.  
Also give them the general knowledge of our Catholic Faith and the Universal Church.

- ✓ All those who are seriously ill, those who are not in good health, and those who are unable to be present physically at the church can still continue the privilege of not attending the Mass of Sundays. There is no obligation to attend Sunday Masses for this category of people. This is not an excuse but out of respect for the health of the individual. Kindly understand this in a positive way.

Blessings of God

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