

**May 2022**

**“Peace be with you”.** The Risen Lord greeted the disciples each time He appeared to them with these words. During this Easter season and in our troubled times, I pray that the Risen Lord fill you with His Peace and Hope.

I am so grateful to each one of you for making our Easter celebrations so special and meaningful. Throughout the Easter Triduum and Easter Sunday, we experienced God’s presence through the wonderful liturgy and your joyful participation. Thank you to all our team members and volunteers for all your efforts. These are beautiful signs of a vibrant faith community.

Our Archbishop invited our Parish to join the **“Love One Another Campaign”** starting July 2022. This is an opportunity for us to discern the needs of our parish for the next five years in the areas of capital improvements, mission and ministry and planning our future better. The target set for us is 1.2 million dollars over the next five years and 60% will be our parish share. Our buildings and grounds committee has done a great job assessing our maintenance and capital needs for the coming years. We can integrate all of them into our capital campaign and work towards building a faith community for the future. I ask your continued support and participation in this important campaign.

Our Parish leadership team has been discerning and discussing the current Mass schedule over the past several months. We feel that it is more practical to have three Masses instead of four on Sundays for many reasons. Our overall attendance of the Sunday Masses is less than 30% of the church capacity. We do not have sufficient volunteers to help at the Masses. The time gap between the morning Masses is too short. It will also help us financially reducing our cost of one Mass. Therefore, we decided to change the Sunday Mass Schedule to 8:30 am, 10:30 am and 7:00 pm beginning the weekend of June 4/5, 2022 (Pentecost Sunday). The Saturday vigil Mass will continue at 4:00 pm. I hope you will understand this need to change.

I am very pleased with the response of many of you who came forward to serve on our leadership team as parish council members. We have 8 nominations running for 4 positions. Please indicate your choices in the May 21/22 voting.

Easter is a journey to experience the Risen Christ that last 50 days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. I pray that each one of you be renewed and filled with the Lord and become the Easter people proclaiming the Good News like the apostles did.

May God Bless you all,

Fr. Matthew Perumpil, MI  
Administrator