



My Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! As we enter this last full week of August, the Fall Season is now upon us. Pumpkin Spice is back at WaWa & Movie Theaters are re-opening since the long Covid-Close Down. Here at the parish, our activities will soon be back and operating as well. This Thursday sees our first Pastoral Council Meeting of the year, with other meetings and parish gatherings approaching. To assist and inform all in this transition time, Jen Keller and I have created a video about our Fall Season. I ask you to take a look at that on our website. The re-opening of Church and Summertime experience of 2020 have taught us a lot and we are ready to navigate this new time. I'm happy that all the parish activities and energy that we have known will continue, only now in a more intentional/conscious way.

While looking at that home-made parish video on-line, I encourage you this week to check out a very professional movie that will be released On-Demand and in Movie Theaters this Friday, entitled **FATIMA**. This film, about the 1917 Apparitions of Our Blessed Mother in Fatima, is said to a masterpiece. It tells the story of Fatima but this time from the child's point of view. Specifically, thru the eyes of Lucia. Lucia was both the oldest of the Fatima visionaries and the longest living survivor. She died in 2005. The writers of the film used Lucia's memoirs to both flash back and flash ahead to her perspective in 1989 as a cloistered Carmelite nun. Producer Natasha Howes said this:

Throughout, we come to understand the human story behind the story of Fatima and understand Lucia's family relationships how the pilgrims disrupted their family life. We don't have 'floating Marys'! Instead, she appears as a very beautiful, gentle, maternal woman from heaven, so we can identify how these children fell in love with this experience. This film is about the peace plan from heaven and hopefully will make a difference in the world.

Even if you are familiar with the Fatima Story, this movie is worth seeing. The historical fact of Fatima combined with all that has been fulfilled since then is something to be considered carefully and by all means is hopeful news for us all.

Peace,

Fr. Rogers