



My Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! Next week, we welcome back to our parish two familiar friends: Bishop John McIntyre and Randy Kraft. Bishop McIntyre will be with us next Sunday to celebrate the 10:30AM Mass and greet parishioners after the Mass. This will be a simple Pastoral Visit, his first in this New Year. Randy Kraft, our seminarian, will arrive back to our parish next Thursday and will lead a Bible Series on the Book of Job each Thursday of February. After the past two years and another miserable Eagles Season, a reflection on the Book of Job is quite timely. All are welcome to join this short 4 Week Series.

For this week, the last full week of January (Alleluia!), we have some terrific Feast Days. This week, we mark the Feasts of St. Francis DeSales (Monday), Thomas Aquinas (Friday), Timothy and Titus (Wednesday). What's more we celebrate the Conversion of St. Paul (Tuesday). It's definitely one of those star-studded weeks. It's also the week of Christian Unity.

In light of all these Saints and our Call to Unity, I share with you some words of St. Francis DeSales on **PATIENCE**. St. Paul lists patience as the first characteristic of LOVE and in my experience it's usually the first aspect of love to evaporate! May these words give patience some more staying power for us all.

PATIENCE

(Taken from Golden Counsels of Saint Francis de Sales)

Be patient with everyone, but above all with yourself; I mean, don't be disturbed about your imperfections, and always have the courage to pick yourself up after a fall. I'm very glad to hear that you make a fresh start each day. There is no better way of growing toward perfection in the Spiritual Life than to be always starting over again and never thinking that we have done enough.

But most important, don't lose heart, be patient, wait, do all you can to develop a spirit of compassion. I have no doubt that God is holding you by the hand; if he allows you to stumble, it is only to let you know that if he were not holding your hand, you would fall. This is how he gets you to take tighter hold of his hand.

Peace,

Fr. Rogers

Join us for our First Friday Adoration

7 to 8:30PM, February 4 in Church

We will remember Monsignor Albert Kuuire who passed away in December.

A special "miracle-witness" will be shared, come and hear the story.