



My Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! Happy Feast of Christ the King and Happy Thanksgiving Week! How beautiful it is to celebrate these two great Feasts, side-by-side. For in celebrating and claiming Christ as our King,

our hearts are filled with praise and cannot not give thanks for His great love and mercy, for all that Christ has done for us.

Certainly for our parish, calendar year 2019 --- our Jubilee Year--- has been one of tremendous blessing as we have witnessed so much of God's Goodness for and among us. From our beautifully renovated Church, to the various activities of our Jubilee Year, all of what has been accomplished this year stands as **testimony and evidence** of God's Goodness among us. There is little doubt that Jesus Christ is alive here in our community. The theme of our Jubilee has been "**Sharing the Joy of the Gospel for Good News for 150 Years**" and we have certainly shared it in this our 150th Year. But it's important to know that that sharing was only possible because we had first received it. There's an old saying that is so true: You can't give what you don't have. So when it comes to sharing the Gospel, the receiving of the Gospel must always come first.

Over the past 3 months, our pastoral council has been reading a book entitled SIMPLE CHURCH. It's a book about mission/vision and being Church. For Christian Churches, Mission and Vision boils down to one reality: JESUS. And our Mission/Vision as Church as His Church, His Body is simple: to live His Mission/ Vision in this time and place. Signs and Visuals, Jubilee Activities, renovation of Church and even bathrooms can help make manifest that Mission and Vision of Christ. And we need such concrete signs and actions. But the clearest, most manifest sign of God is Jesus and specifically His Sacred Heart. Which brings us to this week.

Today, all of us will have received an image of the Sacred Heart, it's a powerful image: a heart beating, burning and pierced. It is the heart of Jesus. I thank George Lamoureaux and his wife for being present with us this week and sharing some of the history and power behind this powerful image of God's Love. It is this image that will set both the direction and the activity for our new year 2020.

The Theme for our parish in the coming year will be: Receiving and Giving the Love of God. And the image of that will be the Sacred Heart in the center of the Celtic Cross. Over the course of the next year, we will be asking as a community and as individuals, how is that receiving of God's Love going? How can it be bettered? Are there obstacles to receiving God's Love? If so, what are they? And how can we remedy that so that His love may be received?

When Jesus revealed his heart to St. Margaret Mary, he said behold the heart that has loved so much and is so little loved. We want to change that in 2020. In 2019, we have witnessed such great love. Now it is time to make it visible in new ways, helping each other all the more to receive from Him so as to give even more for others.

Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!

Peace, Fr. Rogers

ADVENT:

This is the week to decide what one might do for Advent. Here are some ideas:

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| 1) Daily Mass (20 minutes a day). | 5) Adoration, Confession |
| 2) Word on Fire, Bishop Barron Advent Reflections | Please see all the activities as listed in |
| 3) Dynamic Catholic, Matthew Kelly, Best Advent Ever | the bulletin. |
| 4) Family Prayer, Rosary | |