



My Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! This past week marked 3 months since the Groundbreaking of our building project and the death of Fr. Sharrett. Both occurred on the same day, May 8, 2023. In regards to the former, a lot has happened in those three months. From the shovel of dirt to the large structure that now connects our buildings. This happening of the past three months is so very visible, encouraging and life-giving. It's a visible sign of our living faith community. Someone said to me recently: "Hey, Father, it's great to see a Catholic Church building and not closing." To which I said "AMEN." It is great!

In regards to the latter – the death of Fr. Sharrett – the past three months can seem so different. In the case of loss and death, there's not much to see. In fact, it is absence not presence that is most visible or perceived. It may be the absence of a phone call, conversation or voice. While we know it's important to remember – an act of charity even – the act of remembrance can be difficult. It can fill the heart of sadness, nostalgia, grief. And that is not so good. But such dispositions afflict all of us, one way or another. There is not a person reading this who has not experienced it. What then are we to do?

Whether it's remembering the past 3 months or the past 3 years, remembering the good or the not so good, the key to remembering is **to note well the object of our remembering. And for the Christian, the object of all our remembering is JESUS.** For we believe that **"In Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him" (Col. 1:16). Without Him nothing came to be! (Jn 1:3)**

I share all this for 2 reasons:

1. In the coming weeks, we'll be shifting gears and in that time, we'll be remembering: From the good vacation to family time together. In such times, our hearts can subject to many things. In it all, remember Christ. He's the difference between a heart of praise and a heart of sad nostalgia.
2. In the New Year ahead, one of our parish priorities is ***to foster spiritual growth thru Joyful witness.*** This is not about putting on a good mindset or rose colored glasses. But it involves seeing all things in Christ and training our minds, bodies, senses and faces to do so! So start training! This is the way of growing not just a Church but a Christian, and we need to grow!

Peace,
Fr. Rogers



Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

A Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule

Monday, August 14-5:00PM Vigil

Tuesday, August 15

7:30AM, 9:00AM (livestream)

12:00PM & 7:00PM

PLEASE NOTE: THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED AUGUST 15.

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