



My Dear Parishioners,

Praise be Jesus Christ and Happy Pentecost!

Last week, I began some closing thoughts with the statement that ***Faith is not just taught, it's caught***. That statement leads us rightly to a Teacher or a "Pitcher", if you will...And that of course would be God, the Holy Spirit, who teaches and gifts us with Faith: The Holy Spirit enables us to acknowledge Jesus as Lord. The Holy Spirit is Lord and Giver of Life, itself! And that very Life of God poured out on the Apostles has been shared with us in Baptism, Confirmation and in all the Sacraments –making us sharers in the One Divine Life. As I've said many times over these years, without that Life of God, the Holy Spirit, we are just a Jesus' Club! But because of that Life, we are the very Body of Christ, receivers and witnesses of His Glory.

It was 50 years ago this year that St. Paul VI in his Apostolic Exhortation, ***Evangelii Nuntiandi*** wrote the following: ***"Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses" (41)***. I invite you to pause and read that again because 50 years later, it is still true.

At the minimum, witnesses are those who have seen something/someone. But in Scripture, "witness" is someone more. It refers to those who have come to know, even to love, something/someone. The Apostles were witnesses to Jesus Christ, not just seeing Him on the shore of Galilee but receiving His Mercy, Mission and Holy Spirit. And we are called to be the same: Witnesses -- of God's Faithful Love.

In my 10 years here, I have come to witness KSQ: that is I have come to see, know and love KSQ. And while that love never quite extended to the Mushroom, I no longer fear them. In fact, I have even eaten a mushroom or two in these past 10 years! But by far, the greatest reality that I have witnessed --- seen, known and loved --- here is the Christian Faith alive in God's People. In those who have come to faith, those who have grown/rediscovered the faith and been reconciled to the faith. This is the greatest gift that I have been privileged to witness. And it has strengthened my faith in ways that I did not have before.

And so, now, by God's Grace, I'm a stronger Witness of God's Love and Goodness and I get to bring that faith to others. And YOU...get to share that faith with a new pastor. This past week, I had the opportunity to welcome Fr. Tobin to St. Patrick, to give him a tour and introduce our staff to him. As I did so, I felt a tremendous pride, happiness and joy within me. For I know him to be a good priest and I know you to be good people, in whom faith has grown and will continue to grow as it is shared! This is the work of the Holy Spirit and on this Pentecost Sunday, we welcome that work anew. We are reminded that that work has a long way to go in us and even in KSQ. But going with God, is the only Way to go. Pray that for me and know that I pray that for you. May God Keep us on His Way.

Peace,

Fr. Rogers



What is a Lector?

This is a ministry of lay men and women who proclaim the readings from Sacred Scripture, with the exception of the Gospel, during the celebration of Mass. He or she may also announce the intentions for the Prayer of the Faithful when no deacon is present.

The desired assets for a Lector include:

- A registered parishioner who is fully initiated in the faith, in good standing and practicing the faith.

- A basic knowledge of the Bible, Lectionary for Mass, and the Liturgy of the Word.
- Strong oral proclamation skills.
- Willingness to serve at Mass 1-2x per month.

Those interested in serving as a Lector must be approved by the pastor and then receive proper training. A Lector Workbook will be provided for the preparation of the readings.

If you feel called to serve as a Lector or would like to learn more about this important ministry, please contact John LaPelusa at

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