

July 11, 2021

**From the Pastor:**

In our Gospel today Jesus commissions the disciples to go out preaching **"two by two."**

It's typical of American culture to want to go it alone, to be the Lone Ranger. This is especially true with our relationship with God, and our faith. We often feel more comfortable with a **"me and God"** approach to faith. Yet Jesus knew the wisdom of **not going it alone on our spiritual journeys**, especially when we're trying to share our faith or live it out publically. In the process of carrying our faith into the world, we don't need a lot of props, but we do need other people of faith to support us, inspire us, guide us, and help us keep the message clearly in our hearts. Perhaps this is the wisdom of the Church as well, as she calls us to mass each Sunday. It is here at this celebration where we truly become one Bread one Body, united in Christ. It is here where we get our spiritual energy and strength to go out united "under God" as disciples and represent Jesus by our actions and our words. So mass attendance is just not a gift for ourselves, but for one other.

We had a visit from **Brother James** of the local **Christian Brothers** for our mission appeal; he was at Immaculate last weekend and we thank him. He will join us at St. Joseph's this coming weekend, and will soon schedule a visit for Our Lady of Grace. When it comes time to donate to our mission co-op, please think of the work of the Christian Brothers who educate so many young men, locally and beyond. Please be generous. The checks and donations come to each parish but need to be noted for mission coop so that the funds are directed accordingly. Thank you.

After much consultation among staff and clergy of our network, it seems the **new mass schedule**, beginning the weekend after Labor Day, September 11 will look like this:

<b>Immaculate Conception:</b>	Saturday, 5 pm with Confessions at 4 pm
	Sunday, 8 am and 11 am
<b>St. Joseph's:</b>	Sunday, 9 am
<b>Our Lady of Grace:</b>	Sunday, 10:30 am

Our **two new directors, Christine Goss and David Wetzel**, will be at masses at all three churches over the next few weeks to say hello to parishioners and to answer any questions. Please take this opportunity to become acquainted!

Until next week, be well, do good deeds, and say your prayers.

**Fr. Jerry**

**OUR PRAYER:** Loving God, be present to us and grant us wisdom, so that we,  
who may feel anxious about change,  
might trust in Your love and rest in the Changelessness that is You.