

Message from our Pastor...

"God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son so that everyone who believes in him will not perish." This might be the most well-known passage of the Bible. It was proclaimed on Pentecost Sunday a couple of weeks ago. We have a Saviour. We will not perish. But, will we "parish?" We do not want to perish, but we do want a parish. This is what we have been hoping for and praying about for quite some time. And, now it is becoming a reality. Fr. Joseph Grima will begin gathering a new community so that the faithful in Markham will indeed parish and not perish.

I looked up the meaning of the word parish and I was pleased to discover that it means sojourn. How fitting! As disciples of Jesus, baptized into his life, fed by his Body, we become sojourners, pilgrims on the way to the heavenly Jerusalem. We are companions on the journey, breaking bread and drinking wine... We hope that those who were sojourners at the San Lorenzo mass will find a place back at our parish church or in the new community.

Up until a week ago I was feeling very happy that there would not be any clergy changes in our parish. However, that is not to be. Fr. Silva has been reassigned to serve as an associate in Guardian Angels Parish, Orillia. Fr. Silva, thank you for all the ways that you have given of yourself this past year. It is not easy to leave your country, language, culture and the warm sunny climes of Sri Lanka and come to Canada yet you have done it all with a friendly smile and a generous heart. We will miss you!

Rob Rosales, our intern seminarian, has come to the end of his internship and will depart at the end of June. Rob will return to St. Augustine's Seminary in September to resume his theological studies and formation. We will miss his Saturday morning reflections and his cheerful presence. God-willing, Rob will be ordained in the spring of 2019. Let us keep Rob and Fr. Silva in our prayers.

I personally will be away for the month of July undergoing the spiritual exercises of Ignatius Loyola in Omaha, Nebraska. I will certainly keep the parish in my prayers and I ask for your prayers. Pray for Fr. Rick too as he takes over the helm for the month of July.

May we all find some time to slow down this summer, to be rejuvenated through whatever recreational activities you and your family choose and to recognize more clearly the tremendous blessings with which God surrounds us.

On behalf of the pastoral team, may the peace of Christ be with you and your families,

Fr. Dominic