

## A Message from Our Pastor...

*Do not be afraid of holiness. It will take away none of your energy, vitality or joy. On the contrary, you will become what the Father had in mind when he created you, and you will be faithful to your deepest self. To depend on God sets us free from every form of enslavement and leads us to recognize our great dignity. (paragraph 32 of Pope Francis' exhortation, "Rejoice and Be Glad")*

*Dear brothers and sisters in Christ. Following the message I shared in my homily last Sunday, I continue to receive great inspiration from these words of our Holy Father, Pope Francis - particularly in light of the disturbing and deeply saddening news of the clergy abuse cases. I repeat these words here, hoping that you too might be caught up in the greatest goal of our lives. In the end we must, each of us, admit that we do depend on God. What a hard lesson to learn! Hard, but not impossible. And what great fruit it bears. As we continue to pray through our discernment of what God's vision is for our parish, may it reveal to us how we can grow in holiness, freedom and our fundamental dignity as God's children, co-heirs of His Kingdom. Stay tuned as each Sunday homily in September examines why we have no need to fear holiness.*

*As I mentioned in my last message at the end of June, there has been a small group of staff and parishioners working hard all summer long on gathering useful data, interviewing people, holding meetings, praying attentively. The name of this group is the Parish Renewal Leadership Team. As I shared in my homily last Sunday, what the Lord is calling us to do as a parish is not just an organizational re-shuffle. The Lord is calling us to renewal. One that helps us recover our missionary identity and puts Jesus at the center of everything we do - not because we haven't done so in the past, but rather because God is now calling us to make space for those He is calling into our community and for us to make space in our hearts so that He can use us for this great mission. Please keep hold all this in prayer.*

*We also want to welcome our parish intern seminarian, Andrew Taylor. Andrew will be with us from September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2108 to the end of July, 2109. As well welcome three part-time staff who have joined the parish office: Sara Marino, Pamela Clerigo and Christine Francis.*

*As we begin this new school year, we place ourselves under the care of our Blessed Mother Mary and ask for her intercessions.*

*God bless you and your families,*

*Fr. Dominic*