

4th Sunday of Advent, December 19, 2021

Pastor's Corner

My Brothers and Sisters:

Thank you All!

I look and see it has been a couple months since I wrote something for this spot. But I have thought of many things to write about. I will not put them all down at this time.

First – Again I thank all of you. We have celebrated as a nation Thanksgiving, which is a good time to begin regularly giving thanks as the end of a calendar year approaches. We all have many blessings – many of which are the people in our parish. I give thanks particularly also for all the Birthday greetings and prayers this past week. 61 years is not a threshold, but it does remind me that I have been blessed to be with you 11 & ½ years – for me it has gone quickly – which means that yes, it has been fun and joy-filled.

One other thing to mention – and many of you who follow the Criterion will have noticed it. I have been asked to be the Administrator of Saint Joan of Arc parish while their pastor is away on a leave of absence to deal with health issues. Please keep them in your prayers, as well as Fr. Joe Newton. My main responsibility is to be present to the staff who are working hard day-to-day. I am not their pastor, but I will be spending a bit of time there.

We are in the final days of Advent. May we rejoice and “hurry” toward our meeting with Christ on Christmas Day. And may that be a reminder that we hurry to meet Him every day.

In Christ,

Fr. Tom