

# *Pastor's Corner*



My Brothers and Sisters:

This past week, Archbishop Charles Thompson asked if he could drop by and say one of the Masses here at Saint Lawrence this weekend. I said yes. He is coming to the Noon Mass Sunday June 14. I just saw that I should have asked him to come on Saturday evening. He was ordained a bishop for Evansville diocese in 2011. But he was appointed to be our archbishop June 13, 2017. We get to be with him within a day of his third anniversary with us.

Beginning this weekend, we are adjusting the Mass we record for our weekends. We have been doing so on Saturday. The advantage there is that anyone who cannot come to Mass has the rest of the weekend to watch it. But last Saturday showed off some difficulties we have with lighting due to the sunshine at this time of year. We will be recording on Sunday during the day. Because Archbishop Thompson is coming for the Noon Mass, we will be recording that Mass for this weekend.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has a 1-2 page summary of 7 main themes of Catholic Social Teaching. To read them is to see how comprehensive, balanced, and thorough we are called to live our faith. The themes are:

**Life and Dignity of the Human Person**  
**Call to Family, Community, and Participation**  
**Rights and Responsibilities**  
**Option for the Poor and Vulnerable**  
**The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers**  
**Solidarity**  
**Care for God's Creation**

Next weekend is Father's Day in our Nation. Please know of all my prayers for all fathers, and indeed all men in our parish. You are either fathers, or, I am sure you have acted like father figures, for many people you encounter. I pray also for all our fathers who have passed away. Parents have a great responsibility. They need our prayers every day.

We are going to have a Mass at 5:30pm on Friday, June 26. It will be for those of you who are 65 years old or older. Please get this information out to all of our Senior Citizens. There have been requests. Many of you very much need Mass and the Eucharist, but have determined you need to exercise caution about getting out. We hope this will be helpful to you.

Now that we are having Mass on Sundays again...

The Palms that we obtained for Palm Sunday are being blessed, and will be available after Mass this weekend and next weekend.

In Christ the Risen One,

*Fr. Tom*