

Pastor's Corner



My Brothers and Sisters:

A big THANK YOU to everyone who is volunteering, working at, praying for, and are coming to and enjoying the Festival. I write this a few days before it begins, but this is a wonderful time to be grateful for all of you. I look forward to seeing you here and enjoying our time with each other and service to others.

We are finishing up 5 weeks of our Second Reading on Sundays coming from the Letter of Saint James. Next week, we start 7 weeks of reading from the Letter to the Hebrews. This letter has a powerful message that Christ is the Apex of our life. He is greater than Adam, Abraham, Melchizedek, Moses, and David. He is greater than the Angels. He is the Great High Priest.

A few years ago, there was an episode on a talk show where a current scripture-scholar-turned-atheist was asking that we just give him one thing. If we could just see this Epistle as one that is non-authentic and that we feel free to ignore it, then the whole idea of priesthood and sacrifice and Christ's having redeemed us can also be abandoned. Of course, those themes are found easily in the rest of the books of the New Testament.

But it is a good way to introduce to all of you the power of the Letter to the Hebrews. I encourage you to read, or reread, this Letter now in order to get a good overview of what we will be reading in the next several weeks.

Thank you, everyone who have responded to the Parish Survey. The electronic and in-pew surveys have been collected. The Staff has sent out postcards to everyone we do not have emails for (about half the households in the parish). I'm asking them to respond by the end of the month.

Thank you for your love and concern, we will be sharing the responses soon.

In Christ,

Fr. Tom