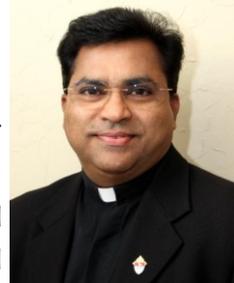




From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our community is back again after summer vacation as a parish family! Many major events are taking place these days in our parish. Our religious education and youth classes are back again; finished our first Parish Picnic which was well-received and well-attended by our parishioners; active shooter program was well-attended; International Festival celebrated in a grand way; and now we are preparing for the Ministry Fair 2018 and Stewardship Commitment Weekend which is going to be on November 3-4, 2018.



Regarding the Ministry Fair: This is an opportunity to make our commitment of time and talents to the St. Marguerite parish family, which is our Second Home. It will be after the 5:30 pm, 8:30 am, and 11:00 am Masses on the weekend of October 20 & 21. There will be door prizes after every Mass for those who attend and sign up at the event. Even if you are already part of a ministry in the past, you should sign up again to make sure to renew your commitment for another year. Please do not sign up for more than 2 ministries, as it is going to cut down your family time and personal time, for this may cause you to be worn out and lose your interest and passion.

Regarding Stewardship Commitment: Theme: **Stewardship is our Response to God's Goodness.** This is an opportunity to make our financial commitment to our Second Home, which is our parish community. It will be on the weekend of November 3 & 4, where we as a parish pledge to make financial commitment for the pastoral care, growth and development of our parish. This commitment/pledge is very important for the planning and budgeting for the upcoming year 2019. We have 65 ministries active, and they need support to enhance the ministries and improve the quality of our parish with the intention of going where we really want to be as a parish community.

There will be personal letters, newsletter and other information coming from me as your Pastor to keep you informed of different activities and developments in our parish. We need your support by way of involvement in ministries/leadership and improved tithing for the parish. Please consider prayerfully what you can give to the Lord through our church family to build up His church. If you are a participating member, please see how you can improve, and if you are not participating at all (not tithing regularly), please consider tithing as part of your willingness to share God's goodness in your personal/family life.

The Holy Bible says, "Give to God what belongs to God, and give to Cesar what belongs to Cesar" (Mark 12:17). It is a biblical call for us as Christians to share with others what we have received from the Lord through the church community.

Therefore, I humbly request all of you parishioners of St. Marguerite to do the best for the Lord through the church. The Lord deserves the first and the best, not the least and the last. Let us not give to God what is left over but let us keep the first for the Lord so that he can continue to bless us by granting us more and more.

Thank you all for the support that you all give to me as your Pastor, and I want to let you all know that I really appreciate it. As you know, without your support, I cannot do what I am called to do as your priest and Pastor. Please pray for me and all the priests who serve for your spiritual needs on a daily basis.

Lovingly your Pastor,

Rev. Tomy Puliyanampattayil Joseph, MSFS