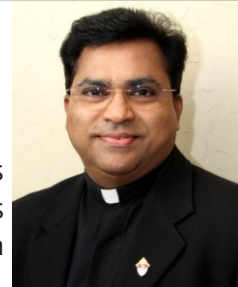


From the Pastor's Desk



## Thank You Fr. Joe Mendes, MSFS!

Fr. Joe Mendes, MSFS, the Associate Pastor of St. Marguerite is retiring from his active pastoral ministry on May 31, 2019, after 18 years of ministry in this parish. He worked with 3 pastors during this time of 18 years in our parish.



He has been a great blessing to this parish, and he has touched and transformed many lives in and around Atlanta, through his various pastoral ministries in different parishes in the Archdiocese of Atlanta, especially through the ministry of teaching, preaching, confession and spiritual direction, apart from other pastoral ministries.

Our parish will organize a retirement party for Fr. Mendes on Saturday, June 8, after the 5:30 pm Mass in the Social Hall. I invite every member of this parish, along with friends and family, to join this party and show our attitude of gratitude to Fr. Mendes for his service to our parish. The sign-up sheets for the party will be available as we come closer to the date of celebration. Please make sure that you sign up to be with Fr. Joe on the day.

Fr. Mendes had 2 options to choose from for his stay after retirement. He was offered accommodation and other facilities at the MSFS Provincial House, located at 3887 Rosebud Rd., Loganville, GA, and also at St. Patrick Church, Norcross, Atlanta. He chose St. Patrick Church, where he had worked previously and has friends and acquaintances. Therefore, Fr. Mendes will be staying as a priest in residence at St. Patrick Church until /otherwise alternative arrangements are made.

He will be a priest for 56 years on September 21 this year and will be 82 years of age on July 11 this year.

On behalf of St. Marguerite d'Youville Parish, I express our profound gratitude to Fr. Joe for his person, presence and ministry. He became very much a part of the life of this parish, and he has made substantial contributions to this parish with his priestly life and ministry. Thank you, Fr. Joe, for all you have been to this parish. We all love you and wish you a happy retirement and graceful life as a retired priest!

Fr. Joe will be missed very much in our parish; and we offer him our prayers, support, and love. The doors of St. Marguerite Church will stay open 24/7 for Fr. Joe to visit whenever he pleases. This parish will continue to stay as a Second Home for Fr. Joe.

### Replacement!

I am working towards getting a replacement for Fr. Joe Mendes, and I will be able to share with you more details later on as they will be available to me.



Wishing God's blessings on all of you,  
Lovingly, Your Pastor,

Rev. Tomy Puliyanampattayil Joseph, MSFS