



# SACRED HEART ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear Parishioners,

In these uncertain and challenging times, let us support and encourage one another. As you know, in the absence of a full-time priest for our parish, the Bishop has appointed an Executive Committee to function in the capacity of the parish priest; acting as the governing body for parish priorities, agendas, and direction. This committee comprises the Chairs of the Parish Pastoral Council, Marilyn Bojko; the Parish Finance Committee, Marilyn Turner; and the Maintenance Committee, Stan Dzbik. We will strive to do our best to serve your spiritual, sacramental, and pastoral needs and well-being in the absence of a pastor.

Our parish has always been very dedicated and involved in the various ministries that make us such a strong, faithful, and vibrant multi-ethnic church community. In this time of transition, it is important that we continue to gather as one Body of Christ, to pray, to worship, to give thanks, and to share in the liturgies, sacraments, and Word of God.

In the coming weeks and months, with the few available priests, the Executive Committee will make every effort to arrange and schedule as many weekend Masses for our parish as possible. For days when a priest is unavailable, we will gather for the *Sunday Celebration of the Word with Communion*. These celebrations will allow us to encourage the development of parishioners to be co-responsible lay-leaders, while we continue to build and nourish our community liturgically. Training leaders for the Sunday Celebration of the Word will begin very soon. Those presently serving as Ushers, Proclaimers, and Eucharistic Ministers will be needed in these celebrations. You are invited to be a lay-leader as well. The deadline to sign-up for the coming session is Friday, 20 May 2022.

One of the recent homilies encouraged us to "... keep going...we don't know God's plan, but we do know He will fill our hopes and needs...we must look ahead!"

While we continue to pray for a pastor for our parish, let us look ahead together, to weather the storm. Through the intercession of our blessed Mother, His Divine Mercy, the Holy Spirit, and the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we will emerge stronger as a parish community.

With Blessings to all,  
The Executive Committee  
Sacred Heart Parish