

## **June 10, 2018: Departures, Changes and New Beginnings**

Dear Parishioners,

As I announced a few weeks ago the Archbishop has asked Fr. John Madigan to serve as parish priest at Sacred Heart Bellevue. This assignment starts July 1st. We will be having a farewell celebration for Fr. Madigan next Saturday after the 5PM mass. Please join us to wish him well on his new assignment and thank him for his service here at Holy Rosary. Fr. John will be missed, but I have a feeling he will be back often to visit.

Beginning July 1st there will be a new week day Mass schedule. These changes are due in part to Fr. Madigan's departure and our desire, as in many parishes, to have the school come to a weekly Mass. I will be shifting my day off from Thursday to Monday; therefore, there will not be a Mass on Mondays, but a scheduled Communion Service with a Deacon presiding. The Tuesday Mass will be at 5PM, providing an early evening daily mass option for parishioners. The Wednesday and Thursday Masses will be at 8AM. The school Mass will be on Fridays, at 8:30AM to accommodate the school schedule. During the summer months the Friday Mass will be at 8AM.

This past Saturday we wished Mary Hupf farewell and thank you for her 45 years of service to Holy Rosary, first as a teacher in the school and then in Religious Ed, eventually as Religious Ed Director. Through her program, Mary passed on the faith to hundreds of children in our parish, preparing them to receive their First Communion and teaching them the basics of our Catholic faith. We wish her well in her well-deserved retirement. Timothy Putnam, who will be taking Mary's position, is already on staff and he is already making plans for next year's Religious Ed program which will be included in Koinonia on Wednesday evenings. We are excited about these plans and possibilities. Timothy will be sharing these plans this weekend at all the Masses.

In Christ,

Father Vincent