

July 22, 2018: Summertime Update, Welcome a Seminarian

Dear Parishioners,

I want to let you know about a few things happening this summer in the parish and with me.

We are happy to welcome a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Seattle for about 5 weeks this summer. It is typical for the Archdiocese to place seminarians in selected parishes for the summer to experience how a parish works and observe the life of a priest. Our seminarian is Alex Nelson and he is presently studying at Mt. Angel Seminary in Oregon. I and the staff will be attempting to give him a wide range of experiences of our parish life here at Holy Rosary. Please welcome Alex if you see him around.

There will be two weekends in August during which we host missionary priests. On the weekend of August 4th-5th we will host a priest from the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers. On the weekend of August 18-19 we will host a priest from Cross Catholic Outreach. Both priests will speak on behalf of the poor in developing countries. This is an example of our universal outreach as Catholics and is an opportunity to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters in other countries. Please be generous.

I will be making my annual canonical retreat at Westminster Abbey in Mission B.C. on August 7-14. I have never been there and am looking forward to spending time in the Benedictine monastery. As you know, I spent a year at a Benedictine monastery on Shaw Island before coming to Holy Rosary and I have a great appreciation for the Benedictine way of life and common Liturgy of the Hours. This retreat will be a time of prayer and reflection. Of course Holy Rosary, all its people and ministries, will be lifted up in my prayer.

On August 16th I will head down to Southern CA for a conference for priests. The presenter will be Bishop Robert Barron, whom I respect immensely. The conference topic is on preaching. Bishop Barron says *“Good preaching is mystical, biblical, and unnerving...It leads people to conversion and summons them to mission.”* Please pray that this be an enriching experience for me.

In Christ,

Father Vincent