



From the Pastor's Desk



New Years Wishes

As we begin this year together as a parish, I wish each of you a year of meaningful living and a growth in faith and love. Each of us will have times where life seems sweet and other times when we will be challenged. I pray that your faith will be a sustaining part of your life this year.

As a parish, we will be participating in the planning for and the implementation of the South Seattle Parish plan. This will be very significant for the future of our parish and school. As I mentioned last Sunday, you will be invited to participate in the direction our parish takes in response to the plan.

What is the plan at this point in time?

After public meetings in every parish, looking at research and demographics in every community, a plan was presented to the Archbishop which he approved. The goal of this plan is to support our parishes and schools with a diminishing availability of priests to lead the communities. This is not about closing parishes and schools, but rather to find ways to inspire growth in every parish through renewed lay ministry, shared resources and a deeper spirit of evangelization. During the first phase of this process, Helen Oesterle, myself and three parish representatives participated with the other parishes. Helen has been part of the executive board overseeing the planning.

Where is OLG now?

In preparation for the next steps, I recently formed a new pastoral council/steering committee to guide our parish in response to implementation proposals. This steering committee will keep you informed about proposals and gather your feedback. The first meeting for all the deanery parishes with Catholic Leadership Institute, who the Archbishop has entrusted with the task of assisting parishes with implementation of the plans, will be on January 12th.

Thank you for your prayers and participation this coming year.

Thank You

I am so appreciative of the many cards and gifts that flow into the parish office during the Christmas season. I know that all our staff members share a spirit of gratitude for all your support. Thank you.

F. Jack

NEW - Give By Text!

Simply send a text message to 206-745-4559 with the amount you would like to contribute (example: \$20)

Within a few minutes, you'll be sent a text with a link to register.

Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and debit or card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt of your donation via email.

For future giving, send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically!

You can even text "repeat" to make it a recurring donation. Give by Text is one of the fastest, easiest ways to give.

We hope you enjoy this new way to share your generosity, and we **thank you** for supporting our lady of Guadalupe!