

May 2023

My Dear Parishioners:

Easter greetings and blessings as we now prepare to return to the season of Ordinary Time and the liturgies of Pentecost, Holy Trinity and Body and Blood of Christ.

The Church is calling us to a Eucharistic Revival. A return, if you will, to a greater understanding and appreciation of our Lord present Body and Soul in the Eucharist. It is also a recognition of our humble participation in the adoration of and reception of this great Sacrament.

We are entering the second year of three. During this year we are called at the parish (*local*) level to highlight the Eucharist in our prayer and actions. Here at the Cathedral, we offer Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Saturday from 9:30 – 11:00 am (*with the opportunity for the reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation*). We have offered this now for two years.

Beginning June 11, 2023 (*Solemnity of The Body and Blood of Christ*) for one year we will now offer you the opportunity to have Mass celebrated in your home. Has your house ever been blessed? There is no greater blessing than to have Mass offered in your home. Perhaps a Mass could be scheduled on a wedding anniversary, a birthday, graduation, or anniversary of death for a loved friend or family member. You can go to our webpage and schedule the time for your Mass, or you can simply call Crissy in the office to schedule.

You only need to provide a table and white cloth. We will bring everything else needed for a holy Mass to be offered. You can invite your family, close friends, or neighbors. It can be as large or small as you would like. The only stipulation is this Mass cannot fulfill your Sunday obligation.

The gift of the Eucharist is God offering himself to us and only asks that we in turn offer ourselves to one another.

So, in this year of Eucharistic Revival, let us hold one another in prayer. May we be strengthened, protected, cleansed, and united in the holy Eucharist. I remain

A Servant in the Lord,

Reverend Father John M. Thomas