

From Pontiff to Pew (continued):

tells us the truth of the Father (cf. Jn 1:18).

It is not only the death and resurrection of Jesus that saves us and calls us together, but his very person: the Lord who becomes incarnate, is born, heals, teaches, suffers, dies, rises again and remains among us. Therefore, to honour the greatness of the Incarnation, it is not enough to consider Jesus as the channel of transmission of intellectual truths. If Jesus has a real body, the communication of the truth of God is realized in that body, with its own way of perceiving and feeling reality, with its own way of inhabiting and passing through the world. Jesus himself invites us to share his perception of reality: "Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?" (Mt 6:26).

Brothers and sisters, by following the path of Jesus to the very end, we reach the certainty that nothing can separate us from God's love. "If God is for us, who is against us?", writes Saint Paul again. "He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else?" (Rom 8:31-32). Thanks to Jesus, Christians know God the Father and entrust themselves to Him with confidence.

Season Changes - On February 17th at 9 AM, we will be changing seasons from Ordinary Time to Lent in the church. If you are interested in helping out, we would greatly appreciate it. Please be sure to keep an eye out for another announcement regarding this in the upcoming bulletins as a reminder.

Masses: While we are never at a loss for Masses for Sundays (indeed as you may recall I had to place a limit on the number of Masses that individuals could request for Sundays), we find ourselves in need of Masses for weekday intentions. In years gone by, we would receive many Mass requests for individuals after they were buried from our parish; however, that has not been the case in recent years. Mass for a deceased relative or friend is one of the greatest gifts that you can give for them. A Mass intention is geared toward praying for a soul that may be experiencing purgation after death (a soul "in purgatory"). As we all know, we depend upon the love and mercy of God after death, and at Mass we ask for that mercy in a powerful way when we pray for the intention of a dearly departed loved one or friend. PLEASE consider submitting an intention for someone you love. Also, please remember that Masses can be offered for the living such as when we pray for the spiritual and temporal welfare of an individual.

IMPORTANT NOTICE - Parishioners in Nursing Care or other Long Term Care facilities:

We would like to reach out to all of our parishioners who are in the hospital, in nursing care or other long-term care facilities. We cannot do so; however, if we are not made aware that individuals have been admitted to such facilities. We kindly ask if you or a relative have been relocated or admitted to such facilities that you place a call the rectory, so that you can be placed on our First Friday communion call list. We would like to update our records for 2026. Also, if you are aware of anyone in one of these facilities, please call the rectory to let us know. Thank you.