

A Note from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

For some people, the season of the year does not matter much, but for others, Summer means a slower pace. Hopefully, the children are having fun and keeping busy and staying safe. No matter how long Summers are, they probably seem short to children. By that I mean Summers go by too fast.

It would be wonderful if everyone could take time to pray during the Summer, as we should all year long. Part of the Summer slow down could be setting a pattern of prayer. It doesn't have to be rigorous, but rather relaxed is a good prayer pattern also. Sometimes, the rosary can be a calming prayer, while walking or driving or sitting in a quiet place. That could be on a beach, a backyard, one's room or in Church. Other prayers or reading from the Bible may also serve to help us remember God's presence and His care for us.

Quite honestly, in this world of ours, we need to find ways to stay close to Jesus in our mind and heart and soul. If you listen to the news or simply hear of the crazy things that happen every day, you can sometimes wonder what is going on or even where God is? Whether it is disaster or violence or immoral activity or the drastically changing understanding of how things are supposed to be, people can be left unsettled or worried.

Fortunately, for Christians, Jesus has told us "Be not afraid." It is still a challenge in the face of concerns and strife, but truly worry cannot make things better. A little bit of worry is normal but worry to the point of giving up hope and trust can take our peace away. It is best to pray that God's will be done.

No matter what season it is, Jesus is our peace! He is with us now and forever and he wants us to be close to him.

Prayer can definitely help us to feel God's presence in our life. Blessed Summer Everyone!

Sincerely in Christ,

Monsignor Giandurco