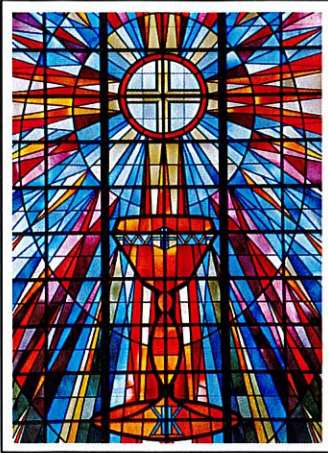




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Dear Blessed Sacrament Parish Family,

During my ministry at BSCC, I have come to hear, with increasing frequency, the concerns of our neighbors in Westwood regarding our practice of parking during Mass. Our capital campaign has deepened our lines of communication with those who live alongside us I have heard their concerns firsthand and taken them to heart. It is time, I believe, that we as Christians examine this matter honestly, and ask what it might mean, in this small but tangible way, to love our neighbor as ourselves — to place the needs of others before our own convenience.

These concerns are not abstract. They include the blocking of driveways, and the parking of vehicles on both sides of streets are too narrow to permit the passage of emergency vehicles. I do not believe there is a single member of this parish who would knowingly wish to delay medical care to a neighbor in need, or to bar someone from safe passage to their own home. And yet, if left unaddressed, this is the effect our current habits may produce.

I am convinced that there exist ways to make fuller use of our own property, and of the surrounding side streets, so that we might lessen our reliance on Moore and St. Teresa for parking. I am equally convinced that many among you possess wisdom and creativity beyond my own, and I welcome your counsel.

If you feel called to lend your gifts to this effort, I invite you to join BSCC Parking Committee. Once a plan has been developed and shared with the parish, we will have need of many hands to help us put it into practice at our weekend Masses. Those who feel so called should reach out to Walter Frick, who may be contacted at waltfrick@yahoo.com or (843) 709-6557.

Yours Sincerely in Christ,


Reverend Arnulfo Jara Galvez
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