

Dear Friends,

I hope your summer went well and that September hasn't been too intense. This fall and early winter, we have some exciting updates that I'd like to share with you.

Also, if you are new and have joined us within the last several months, welcome! We have many Small Groups, with more being formed. These groups are a great way to connect with others and grow in faith.

Visit www.pf14.org/small-groups for more information.

Letter

FROM THE PASTOR



Autumn Edition

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NEWS

We have a New Director of Pastoral Ministry!

First, we have completed our hiring process for the Director of Pastoral Ministry (DPM). As a reminder, the DPM leads the parish's faith formation, evangelization, liturgical, and social justice initiatives under the direction of the Pastor. Basically, the DPM helps organize and facilitate these events and programs.

I am excited to announce that we are hiring Jessica Harris as our new DPM. She is currently the outgoing DPM at Parish Family 16 (St. Anne, Sacred Heart, and Our Lady of Fatima). Jessica earned a Master's Degree in Theology, with an emphasis in Thomistic Studies, from the International Theological Institute in Austria. Her previous roles have included teaching third grade at a classical charter school, serving in campus ministry at Colorado State University, and working as a leadership coach for pastors. Jessica hails from California and Colorado and comes from a large Catholic family. When not working, she enjoys exploring Seattle's coffee scene, needle crafts, and traveling.

She will join us in early November after finishing her work at Parish Family 16 and taking some well-earned vacation time.

The Great Advent Adventure!

This Advent, we will spend three weekends worshipping together! On the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th weekends of Advent, we will **celebrate ALL Sunday Masses at one location only**. This is a radical idea, yes, but one that emerged through prayer and discernment by the Pastoral Leadership Council and Parish Family staff.

Why are we doing this?

For these three weekends, we want to gather everyone together for two reasons: to help parishioners become more familiar with one another, and to give everyone the experience of worshipping together as one Parish Family!

An Important Note:

THIS IS NOT ABOUT CONSOLIDATING LOCATIONS. It is simply about coming together as one community. This arrangement will not be permanent.

How will it work?

Each weekend, we will celebrate three Masses at one location. We will use different Sunday Mass times so as not to favor any particular parish. Parish staff and volunteers will help coordinate carpools for parishioners who need transportation.

	Date	Time	Location
1st Weekend of Advent	Nov 28 & 29	Regular Mass schedule	3 Churches
2nd Weekend of Advent	Dec 5 & 6	5:00 PM, Vigil Mass Sunday- 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM	St. John
3rd Weekend of Advent	Dec 12 & 13	5:00 PM, Vigil Mass Sunday- 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM	St. Alphonsus
4th Weekend of Advent	Dec 19 & 20	5:00 PM, Vigil Mass Sunday- 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM	St. Benedict

All Souls Day

This year, we want to place special emphasis on All Souls' Day, when we pray for our deceased loved ones. St. Benedict will host our All Souls' Day Mass on November 2 at 7:00 PM. We will pray the Liturgy of the Hours, followed by Mass. There will also be a Shrine for the Dead that will remain in place throughout November, the month dedicated to praying for the deceased.

MINISTRY AND SACRAMENTS UPDATES

Alpha

Starting September 23, we will offer the Alpha program here at PF14. Alpha is a low-stakes program that provides a welcoming environment where people can get to know Jesus and learn about our faith. For more information about Alpha, check out this video: bit.ly/PF14ALPHA.



[Register here!](#)



Want to Become Catholic?

Join OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)! This is a year-long program that guides participants toward becoming Catholic at Easter. You may also join if you are an adult seeking Confirmation.

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion classes will begin on October 4! Please visit www.pf14.org/first-sacraments for more information.

Confirmation

Youth Confirmation classes begin on October 25! This year, we will celebrate Confirmation as a Parish Family instead of individually.

We are currently working on the date and location for Confirmation, but it will most likely be held on May 8 at St. James Cathedral! The reason for this possible location is to give our youth an experience of the universality of the Church, without needing to make a pilgrimage to Rome. Visit www.pf14.org/youth-confirmation for more information.

Liturgy

We will introduce a Missal into the pews of all three churches beginning in Advent. We are doing this to help provide a more consistent experience at Mass across all three churches. However, we will continue using our regular hymnals and worship aids for the time being. Here is a link showing what the missal will look like: www.sourceandsummit.com/missal/standard-edition.

FACILITIES UPDATES

St. John

We will be doing some HEAVY PRUNING around the perimeter of the church. Some small trees that are dying, or will die because of their improper location, will be removed. Large shrubs will be reduced to a more manageable size. The reason for this is that the church is effectively hidden behind all the vegetation, and we need it to be visible.

Speaking of visibility, we are currently awaiting the arrival of new lights for both the interior and exterior of the church. Once they arrive, the contractor will proceed with updating the exterior and interior lighting at St. John. We expect the work to be completed in November.

I hope you have a blessed autumn, and I hope to see you in all the wonderful events and groups the Lord has given us!

Blessings,
Fr. Colin Parrish
Pastor

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