

From Fr. John

All Things New Announcement

This weekend, Archbishop Rozanski will make known to us his discernment for the future of our parish in particular and for our Archdiocese as a whole. This is truly a historical moment we are living in right now.

As we journey through this historic moment together as a people of faith, how can we maintain that faith and grow in hope amidst possible changes to what we love?

- 1) Prayer. Every meeting that I have attended or heard about pertaining to All Things New has always been surrounded in prayer. The same Holy Spirit, who we believe has been at work through All Things New, is with us now to help us in our need. Reach out to Him frequently in the days ahead. To assist in this, I am including the Litany of Trust from the Sisters of Life on the other side of this page. Pray it. Think about it. What strikes you?
- 2) Process. The announcements this weekend can bring up many different thoughts and emotions. Is there a person of faith in your life with whom you can process these thoughts and emotions? Processing is different from venting. Venting is simply letting out everything inside (usually to another) and the person simply agrees. Processing is pausing in my thoughts, receiving input or compassion, and gaining a greater understanding of where I am and how I can grow.
- 3) Caution. Be careful with social media and comment forums. Yes, we like to see what people are saying online and maybe even add our thoughts as well. But is reading these comments just getting me more upset or are they helpful to me? This is just a question to ponder as we are online after the announcement. The same can be said about parking lot gossip or other remarks said at events where we will be gathered as a community in the weeks ahead.
- 4) Communication. If you have a question or a concern, please ask me, one of our Key Parish Leaders, or someone in our parish leadership. With the Archdiocese, we are trying to communicate as best we can in this time of change. In the days ahead, if you think or hear something that people are talking about, please bring it up so it can be addressed.

- 5) Patience. With a change this large for our parish and for the Archdiocese, things will not be changed tomorrow morning. Since the beginning of the process, the All Things New office has talked about a five year window for implementation. Some changes will take place soon; others will take time. But the new of All Things New is coming and is in fact here! Understanding what the new means, though, will take time, as well as much discernment and patience.

Corpus Christi Procession

On June 11, the Church will celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi. This feast day celebrates the great gift of the Holy Eucharist and calls us to a greater veneration of this awesome mystery.

Last year, we were privileged to welcome St. Gabriel the Archangel to our 10:00am Mass and then process to St. Gabriel for Benediction. This year, we will continue this tradition, but reverse the order.

We invite all parishioners at St. Raphael and St. Gabriel to attend the 9:00am Mass at St. Gabriel on June 11. Following the Mass, we will process through Francis Park to St. Raphael where we will have Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Following Benediction, we will have a time for donuts, coffee, and fellowship in our cafeteria.

To make this event possible, there will be no 10:00am Mass here on June 11. We invite you to attend the 9:00am Mass at St. Gabriel for this special celebration or to attend a Mass at St. Raphael or another parish.

Thank you for your understanding and participation in this special celebration.

Server Picnic

Our annual server picnic will be on June 16. I sent out an invitation to our servers this week. If you have served as an altar server anytime between June 2022-June 2023 and would like to attend, you are certainly welcome to come! Please contact me for further information.

Parish Rosary Program Intention

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will bless our priests as they receive their new assignments related to All Things New.

I will see you online or in church! - Fr. John
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LITANY OF TRUST

From the belief that
I have to earn Your love

Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear that I am unlovable

Deliver me, Jesus.

From the false security
that I have what it takes

Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear that trusting You
will leave me more destitute

Deliver me, Jesus.

From all suspicion of
Your words and promises

Deliver me, Jesus.

From the rebellion against
childlike dependency on You

Deliver me, Jesus.

From refusals and reluctances
in accepting Your will

Deliver me, Jesus.

From anxiety about the future

Deliver me, Jesus.

From resentment or excessive
preoccupation with the past

Deliver me, Jesus.

From restless self-seeking
in the present moment

Deliver me, Jesus.

From disbelief in Your love and
presence

Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being asked
to give more than I have

Deliver me, Jesus.

From the belief that my life
has no meaning or worth

Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of what love
demands

Deliver me, Jesus.

From discouragement

Deliver me, Jesus.

That You are continually holding me,
sustaining me, loving me

Jesus, I trust in You.

That Your love goes deeper than my
sins and failings and transforms me

Jesus, I trust in You.

That not knowing what tomorrow
brings is an invitation to lean on You

Jesus, I trust in You.

That You are with me in my suffering

Jesus, I trust in You.

That my suffering, united to Your
own, will bear fruit in this life and the
next

Jesus, I trust in You.

That You will not leave me orphan,
that You are present in Your Church

Jesus, I trust in You.

That Your plan is better than
anything else

Jesus, I trust in You.

That You always hear me and in
Your goodness always respond to
me

Jesus, I trust in You.

That You give me the grace to accept
forgiveness and to forgive others

Jesus, I trust in You.

That You give me all the strength I
need for what is asked

Jesus, I trust in You.

That my life is a gift

Jesus, I trust in You.

That You will teach me to trust You

Jesus, I trust in You.

That you are my Lord and my God

Jesus, I trust in You.

That I am Your beloved one

Jesus, I trust in You.