

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

October 3, 2020



Each year the month of October begins with a very special celebration in the life of our parish, the **Feast Day of St. Theresa on October 1st**. **St. Theresa**, known as *the Little Flower*, is one of the great saints in the church. Her devotion of the *Little Way* has inspired countless men & women to pursue a life of holiness amidst the ordinary circumstances and events of everyday life. We are truly blessed to have such a great saint as the patroness of our parish. The Roman Missal for her *Feast Day* reads, “O God, who open your Kingdom to those who are humble and to little ones, lead us to follow trustingly in the little way of Saint Thérèse, so that through her intercession we may see your eternal glory revealed.”

After this great celebration on October 1st, the rest of the month will be marked with some fantastic events in the life of our parish. On the weekend of October 3rd and 4th, the children in our parish faith formation program make their *1st Holy Communion* & on Tuesday, October 20th, the Bishop is with us to celebrate the *Sacrament of Confirmation* for our 9th grade candidates. On Wednesday, October 7th, we will have a special Rosary Rally for the Feast Day of Our Lady of the Rosary. On Saturday, October 17th, Fr. Steve Sansevere will be with us to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving. We look forward to having Fr. Steve back with us to celebrate Mass. As pastor, I am also very happy for us to resume regular days of Adoration beginning on *October 1st*. On Thursdays & Fridays of each week, we will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the conclusion of the 8am Mass. Our Eucharistic Lord will be in the daily chapel for adoration throughout the rest of the day. These days of adoration will conclude with Evening Prayer & Benediction at 6pm. We have had a good response of parishioners who have signed up as adorers and committed to a weekly hour of prayer. Even if you

cannot commit to a weekly hour, please consider stopping by the chapel on these days of adoration to spend some time in prayer. The graces that flow from Adoration are abundant! As our parish patroness once wrote, “*From now on, near the Eucharist, I shall be able to sacrifice myself in silence, to wait for Heaven in peace. Keeping myself open to the rays of the Divine Host, in this furnace of love, I shall be consumed, and like a seraphim, Lord, I shall love you.*” May we truly be inspired by these words of St. Theresa and renew our faith & love for our Eucharistic Lord!



Peace & Blessings,

Handwritten signature of Rev. John Large in black ink.

Father John Large
Pastor