



February 18, 2021

Dear Parishioners,

The holy season of Lent has begun! The word “Lent” comes from an old word that means “Spring.” With the temperature about 11 degrees as I am writing this, and thick, white snow covering the ground, I think I am ready for Spring! Lent is a season of growth. Just as seeds are planted in the Spring and begin to grow and take root, so we hope that the Word of God will grow in us. In this season of Lent, we plant the seeds of holiness. We do this through our repentance, our turning away from sin, and turning toward the gospel. We do this through our acts of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. In these various ways, we not only plant the seeds of holiness, but we nurture them and cultivate them as well. I especially recommend to you this Lent that you consider attending daily mass if it is safe for you to do so, praying Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at St. Andrew Church, and participating in Eucharistic Adoration. We have Eucharistic Adoration every Tuesday beginning at 6 p.m., and ending with Compline and Benediction at 8:45 p.m. Also, don’t forget the “40 Days of Adoration” already taking place throughout the diocese during the season of Lent. Adoration is held in a different parish of the diocese each day. St. Andrew Parish will host this on Tuesday, March 23. These are just a few ideas for making Lent a season of spiritual growth.

Next Sunday, February 28, Bishop Brennan will be here at St. Andrew to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at 3 p.m. Our celebration will be much different this year because of the COVID-19 precautions. Last year, we had our Confirmation just before everything shut down. I never would have thought that a year later we would still be dealing with the coronavirus pandemic! I want to thank the confirmation candidates for their letters to me explaining why they desire to be confirmed. I am always inspired by the zeal of our young people.

I wish all of you a blessed and holy first week of Lent!

Your Pastor,
Msgr. Stephan Moloney