

Dear Parishioners,

How appropriate that in the middle of summer we hear readings from scripture that speak of the fruitful earth. Looking around outside we are likely to see a cavalcade of green. Trees and grass, plants and flowers are all nourished by the summer rain and sun. When we gather together on Sunday, our faith is nourished by the Lord through word and sacrament. Let us pray that we may be rich soil for the word of God to take the root, bloom, and thrive across the earth.

Due to the Corona Virus situation, our RCIA program participants were not able to receive sacraments on Easter, and be in full communion with the Catholic Church. Now, since we can worship together and I have received the needed permissions, our three candidates are going to receive sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation. This will this Sunday July 12 at 10:30 a.m. mass. Congratulations to ***Amanda Ball, Sheri Daniel and Jennifer Portillo!*** It has been a long journey on which your faith grew stronger. On the other hand, you have enriched St. Bernardine Parish in many ways. Big thanks goes out to our RCIA team! In spite of some difficulties, you have done an excellent service, which allowed us to participate in today's ceremonies.

Recently I received a letter from Catholic Charities. Let me quote its fragment: "Dear Father Stan, Thank you for forwarding \$845.00 to Catholic Charities collected at your parish to support our mission. The kindness of your parishioners is keeping people safe while providing food, housing, shelter, counseling, home care for older adults, and other essential services." As always thank you for your support for Catholic Charities.

God Bless You,

Father Stan