

As we journey through this month of September, our community and nation continue to struggle with the pandemic. With our schools opened in various ways, whether 'in-person learning' or 'virtual', we hope and pray that all involved in education can be kept safe and healthy. We continue to lift up those who are so very burdened, whether through physical, mental or emotional stress of the results of the Coronavirus, and the effects it has had on our individuals, families and communities!

We're blessed here at St. James, to have a community that is so responsive to the needs of the poor, the under-privileged, and those who are struggling to survive. Thanks so very much for your continued faithful gift of stewardship.

We struggle with a political election that puts our nation in a terrible imbalance, if leadership continues the way it is. So we have much to work for, to pray for and to support so that God's Will can come about to bring leadership that will guide us in the ways of God's justice, peace and love.

At this time, we also want to take a moment to thank our parish staff for continuing to manage our parish community and continue promoting our vision of inclusivity, of caring for the poor and vulnerable and reaching out to those in need.

We have a staff change. Lori Denes will be leaving us and will be reunited with her husband, Joe, to live in North Central Kansas. We thank Lori for her tremendous job in supporting Ben over the last few years and helping manage the administration of our community. Blessings to you on your new journey!

We welcome Beaurina Olter to our staff to help support Ben and to take over Lori's duties. As we all know Beaurina and her husband, Cooper and their family have been faithful members of our community. It has always been a goal to reach out and support the Micronesian community, as well as all our communities that make St. James such a diverse, 'alive' community of faith! Welcome, Beaurina! We are so grateful you are willing to offer your gifts!

A special THANKS to Ben who has taken on not only the management of the parish community but also coordinating the Livestream Mass each Sunday, along with his son, Justin! The Babaran family has been such a 'God-send' to our community in so many ways!

We pray that God continue the good work that has begun among us.

Peace and Hope,

Fr. Mike