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GATHER AROUND THE ALTAR

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Many of you shared your thoughts about Mass times in the parish survey, and I understand why this is important. The Eucharist is the reason we exist as a parish. Everything we do, our worship, ministries, service, outreach, and life together, flows from the altar and leads us back to it. As the Catechism reminds us, the Eucharist is “the source and summit of the Christian life.” It is where we encounter Christ, are nourished by His Body and Blood, and are sent forth to live the Gospel.

As we become one parish, we seek to come together as one parish family, even as we continue to worship in our three churches. The Eucharist remains at the heart of each community, and all three of our churches will continue to celebrate Mass and offer the sacraments. At the same time, our weekend Mass schedule will change. The Archdiocese asks each parish to develop a weekend Mass schedule that reflects both the needs of the parish and the number of people attending each Mass. These changes will also allow adequate time between liturgies and enable our priests to provide faithful pastoral care throughout the parish. Each of our three churches will continue to have weekend Masses that fulfill the Sunday obligation.

I know that changes to Mass times can be difficult. Many of us have attended the same Mass for years, sometimes for decades. Those times become part of our family routines, traditions, and spiritual lives. We honor those traditions while also recognizing that becoming one parish calls us to look toward the future together.

Our hope is that these changes will help us grow in unity, worship more fully, and strengthen the bonds that unite us as disciples of Christ. As the new schedule takes shape, we will communicate it clearly and explain the reasons behind the decisions.

Through this process, may we keep our eyes fixed on what unites us: Jesus Christ, truly present in the Eucharist. May He help us to embrace this new chapter with faith, patience, and charity, and may we continue to discover the joy of being gathered together around the altar of Christ.

In Christ,

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