

Pastor's note
20th week of Ordinary Time

As I mentioned at the end of mass this last weekend, we conclude the mass with a blessing, which is a simple way of asking God to be with us to help us in our daily sanctification/growth in holiness.

A common practice among Christians is to ask God to bless specific items we use to carry out our vocations, or to pray with. The most common objects I bless are rosaries, often asked to do so after mass or when someone sees me. I also have blessed vehicles, as they transport our families and friends, and even on the feast of St. Francis I bless pets. It is good to remember that God desires to be with us in EVERYTHING we do and EVERYWHERE we are.

This brings me to my point for the week, one blessing that I would like to encourage you to seek is a house blessing. For most of us we spend a majority of our time at home and it makes sense to ask God to help bless the objects we use in our everyday lives, as they are the means we use to offer our lives to God. All that it entails is inviting me over, we walk through the house praying and sprinkling Holy Water in each room. (If there is any fear of a messy house, fear not as mine has been and may currently be worse, my mother would verify!) The whole rite takes about five minutes or so. Depending on what works best for the family I can be in and out of the house in about that time window or some have been known to use it as an occasion to throw a party, especially for a new house or after a significant remodel.

A lot of the significant moments Jesus shared with people was in their home over a meal, we can not underestimate these seemingly simple moments of our lives. If you desire to set up a house blessing, please send me an e-mail at fradamwilczak@gmail.com or if that does not work for you, please give me a call in the office.

God bless,
Fr. Adam