

## Pastor's Corner

Arrival of Seminarian Cuong Tran, Memorial Day and Corpus Christi Processions



Notre Dame Seminarian, Cuong Tran, assigned here for summer

**Notre Dame Seminarian Cuong Tran arrives May 31:** Archbishop Aymond has asked our Parish to host NDS Seminarian Cuong Tran this summer for two months beginning May 31. Cuong (pronounced Kong) was born in the U.S., is 22 years old and has felt a tug to the priesthood since he was young. His task this summer will be to participate in parish prayer and events and “shadow” the priests to see what it is like to be a parish priest.

*Here is Cuong's story in his own words: “My name is Cuong Tran. This is my sixth year in seminary, and I will be entering Theology II at Notre Dame in the fall. After graduating from Archbishop Shaw High School in 2016, I studied at St. Joseph Seminary College (St. Ben's) in Covington for four years. Ever since I was a kid, I've thought about being a priest, especially since I have an uncle who is a priest. However, it wasn't until the funeral mass of my pastor, Father Tue, that I definitively felt God calling me to serve His people as a priest. At the end of funeral mass, Archbishop Aymond held up Fr. Tue's chalice and asked the congregation, “Who will follow in his footsteps?” At that moment, God gave me a strong desire to become a priest like Father Tue. I look forward to meeting everyone at St. Francis Xavier this summer. Please keep me in your prayers!”*

**Memorial Day:** This Monday, May 31, we remember the men and women who died in military service defending our country's freedoms. May God grant them eternal peace, and may God preserve the freedoms on which our country was built.

**Corpus Christi Eucharistic Processions:** Next weekend, June 5-6, we celebrate the great Feast of Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Christ. The dispensation from attending Sunday Mass due to Covid ends next weekend for all Catholics – except with serious health conditions. We will have a short Eucharistic Procession in Church at the end of the 4 pm, 8 am, 10 am and 6 pm Masses, and an Outdoor Procession after the 12 noon Mass. Join us as we celebrate the great sacrament of our salvation, the Holy Eucharist.

God bless,  
Fr. Joe