

Thoughts from the Deacon

February 9, 2021

Here is a copy of the note to the parish from our new pastor **Fr. Ryan Schmit**. He will be starting here in July.

Praise be to Jesus Christ!

Eight years ago I had the pleasure of assisting at St. Mary and St. Ann for a few months. Although I was newly ordained at the time, thanks to your warm welcome, I had hoped to be your next pastor. That said, God's timing is better than ours. Good things do come to those who wait. I give thanks to Bishop Brennan for this opportunity and also for everything Fr. Franks has done to build up your parish communities. I'd also like to thank you for your prayers (as I've read in your bulletins about your commitment to praying for your next pastor.) Please be assured of my prayers for you as we work together to build up the Body of Christ.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Ryan Schmit

An updated Lenten schedule is posted online. We are having a **Parish Lenten Mission** March 22-24, with Fr Stephen Hayes saying the Masses the weekend before the Mission. It will be at St Mary starting at 7pm each evening. They will be broadcast but it shows greater respect to the presenter to be present if possible. Note there will not be Tuesday Mass March 23.

Also please note that there will be **Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration** Wednesday after Stations of the Cross and Friday after Stations and Mass. Please consider giving an hour a week to the Lord as part of your Lenten sacrifices.

There will be new materials for **PSR for Lent** will be available at the back of the Churches this weekend.

We will be **burning Palms** after Mass on Sunday at St Ann. Please drop off in the back of Churches if you have not already. It is preferred to dispose of blessed items in a Sacred fashion. If you cannot bring palms to Church they can be burned in a solemn fashion or buried.

Pray for our new pastor. Continue to keep Fr. Franks in your prayers also.

Viva Cristo Rey!!