

## Thoughts from the Deacon

## Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

To prepare our Parish spiritually and to strengthen our new pastor, we will be having a **nine day Novena for our new Pastor**, July 4-12, 2021. The Novena will include Holy Hour with Exposition, Evening Prayer and Benediction to pray for Fr Schmit, his protection from the evil one, the growth of our parish and that of Holy Mother Church. The schedule will be: Sunday July 4 through Wednesday July 7 at St. Ann at 7pm, Thursday July 8 after 6pm Mass at St. Mary, Friday July 9 at 7pm at St. Mary and Saturday July 10 after 4:30 Mass at St Mary, Sunday July 11 at St Ann at 7pm and Monday July 12 at St Mary, 7:30pm (will coincide with Men's Holy Hour but all are welcome). Please come and offer an hour to our Lord Jesus Christ for the future of our parish. If you cannot attend please pray the Novena prayer with your family each day.

### Novena Prayer for Fr. Schmit

**O Mary, Mother of Jesus, you were with Jesus at the beginning of His life and mission. You stood beside Jesus when He was lifted on the cross and gave His life for all. We ask you now to be with our new pastor, Fr. Ryan Schmit who gives himself in service to God's people. Intercede for him that he may grow in holiness; proclaim God's word with courage; celebrate the sacraments with joy; and be among God's people as Jesus, the Good Shepherd, was. We offer this prayer to God the Father, through your intercession, in the name of your Son, Jesus, and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Reception for Fr Ryan Schmit** will be July 17 and 18 weekend after each Mass. Light snacks will be served at St Mary after the 4:30pm Mass Saturday and breakfast will be served after 9am Mass at St Ann Sunday. Come and help welcome our new pastor.

There will be no Mass on Tuesday July 13.

On this **Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul**, let us give thanks to Our Lord Jesus Christ for giving us Holy Mother Church to preserve the truths of revelation, to guide us and lead us to eternal salvation. Saints Peter and Paul, Pray for Us!!

Viva Cristo Rey!!