



Saint Paul Cathedral

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Dear Parishioners of the newly formed Saint Paul Cathedral Parish,

Pentecost gave birth to the Church with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of Jesus Christ in the earliest days of our faith. How exciting that we are invited more than two thousand years later, through the grace of the Holy Spirit, to renew and to strengthen our parish in service to the faithful in the Greenfield, Hazelwood and Oakland communities. We do so mindful and grateful for all that has gone before us but committed to doing our part now to create a parish that is alive and passionate about our faith in Jesus Christ and our desire to bring the Good News of his saving love to others.

Saint Paul Cathedral parish will formally commence on July 1, 2020. But for nearly two years we have been working to bring our four parishes together. Now we are one. What a blessing and a joy to be one family united in our love for God, for his Son, Jesus Christ, for the Church and for our neighbor. There is much work to be done and we need the support and help of each and every one of you. These days are not easy ones because of the coronavirus pandemic. But soon we will begin to return to more normal times. I invite you to get involved; get back to Mass and the sacraments; volunteer to help out; contribute your fair share for the good of our parish; help in anyway that you can so that we can truly thrive as a parish family.

You will notice some immediate changes: We will have a new parish bulletin, new envelopes and one collection schedule, one bank account and consolidated ministries. Beginning July 1 we are asking that all checks be made out to **Saint Paul Cathedral**. Most of the parish staff are already working out of our administrative office at Saint Paul Cathedral rectory. We know that there are challenges facing us as we must make difficult decisions about which buildings will be needed for our parish operations and how we can operate a parish within our means. But as Bishop Zubik reminded us in his letter (enclosed), we are positioning ourselves for more effective ministry by addressing our financial needs and the resources available to us for long term sustainability.

Change is never easy for any one of us especially as we get older. But nothing in life stays the same. We have the opportunity to create and to build a vibrant parish community that will serve God and others after the heart of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. These are exciting times and I am looking forward to working with all of you, as your pastor, in building a faithful, loving, vibrant parish family. Let us keep each other in prayer and make a commitment to roll up our sleeves and get to work. God bless you.

Sincerely in Christ,

Very Reverend Kris D. Stubna, S.T.D.

Pastor and Rector

Solemnity of Pentecost – May 31, 2020