



A Message from The Pastor....

Dear Friends in Christ,

This past weekend, I offered Holy Mass for the prayer group El Shaddai in our parish center. It was a beautiful experience with a great deal of joy. There was singing, prayer and lots of smiles as we praised the Lord and expressed love for Him. It was a privilege to be in the company of this beautiful group of people. Typical of any Filipino celebration, we had delicious, traditional food after Mass. Sobrang malinamnam! We are called during this season to pray more. Our Lord went off to pray alone for long periods of time. He gives us the example and shows us the necessity to grow in our relationship with our Father. We should love to pray. It only comes with practice and experience. Hit or miss prayer really does not allow us to expand in our spiritual life. Some people prefer to pray before the Real Presence which is possible every day from morning until evening in Our Lady's Chapel at Saint Agnes Church. Perhaps one likes to pray in their bedroom or in a special place in their home. We need to pray; we must pray. Sacred Scripture tells us, "*Look to the Lord and His strength; seek His face always.*" (1 Chronicles 16:11). Prayer changes everything: our attitude, our confidence, our blood pressure and our love for God. Imagine if you never spoke to a spouse, your children or a dear friend? How deep would that relationship be? Why would we think that a few prayers uttered by necessity would help our love for God grow? The graces that are possible when we pray are innumerable! A mis queridos parroquianos latinos. Ruego que su Cuaresma haya comenzado con gran amor y devoción. Que su vida de oración crezca durante estos días para que Cristo, que está vivo, pueda llenar sus corazones con Su luz y Su amor! Dios los bendiga!

In Christ,
Father Szolack

