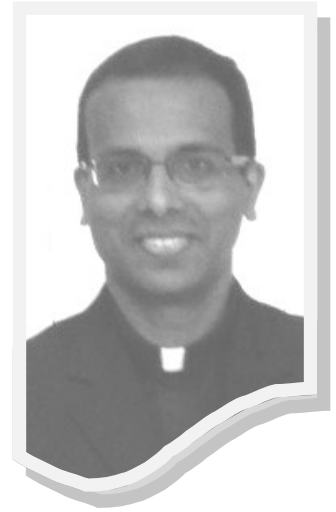




# From the Pastor



## Moving 7 a.m. Mass and Morning Adoration



After some prayer and consultation, it was decided to change the 7 a.m. Mass from the Historic Church to the St. Claire Chapel on 27th Street from Mondays through Fridays. The move began on Monday, August 27th, with the morning Eucharistic Adoration following the 7 a.m. Mass in the chapel until noon. The 12:15 p.m. Mass remains at the Historic Church with Adoration following until 6 p.m. I know some of you might be wondering, “Why this move?” I strongly believe that having Mass and Adoration at the 27th Street location every day is the key to success in all that we are trying to do for the school. Our school has been blessed with a highly competent staff and two amazing religious nuns. Our enrollment has gone up from 98 two years ago to 135 for this coming school year, with two additional grades.

Think of how many blessings it will bring when there is someone spending time in Eucharistic Adoration, praying for the kids while they are in the school next door. I see it as a huge blessing and the key to our success. I know the move is a bit of a sacrifice for some of you who are used to going to the 7 a.m. Mass at the Historic Church and have houses close to it. I know for sure that it is a big sacrifice for the priests. We could just roll out of our beds and be there for the 7 a.m. Mass at the Historic Church. But, with the move, we have to get over to the 27th Street Church by 6:30 a.m., then maybe get back to the rectory after that for breakfast, and then drive back to the Parish Offices on 27th Street. Nothing happens without sacrifice, right? Blessings accompany sacrifices. Where sacrifices abound, graces are abundant!

Those of you who live close to the Church on 27th Street can now roll out of your beds and get to Mass at 7 a.m. Join us to pray the liturgy of the hours with the priest and the nuns at 6:40 a.m., if you can. I would really like you to sign up for Adoration in the morning. Can you spare an hour a week for the Lord? I would also ask all adorers to say a little prayer for the school while you are at Adoration. Please know that you are supporting our Catholic school by your prayers and sacrifices. Blessings will be many on you, on the school staff, parents, and students.

This is a huge opportunity for parents and students, too, to be able to go to Mass on weekdays—a better way of spending time than in the “before-school program” of dropping kids off early in order to get to work. How wonderful to be able to attend Mass and then go into the classroom! Let us not lose this opportunity for blessings.

Please use the handicap door at the main church to gain access to the St. Claire Chapel for Mass and Adoration. This is the door on the extreme right as you face the church. The door that the students use to enter school will remain locked till 7:45 a.m.

I want to thank the sacristans, acolytes, lectors, servers, and helpers at the 7 a.m. Mass for making this huge sacrifice for the good of our school. I want to thank you all for making this possible.

Please keep me in your prayers while I am away. Each of you will be remembered in my daily prayers.

—Fr. Jose Thomas