

Pastor's Letter

October 5, 2025—27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Church Family,

I hate to wait. I am old enough to know what life was like before microwaves, but I still get impatient waiting the two minutes for my soup to heat up. In our first reading for today the prophet Habakkuk expresses his impatience with something much more important; the prevalence of evil in the world.

One of the big questions that people of faith must face is the fact that life doesn't always seem to be fair and that bad things often happen to innocent people. If we are going to really address this issue, we have to go deeper than just saying wait until judgment day, then the evildoers will get their due punishment and the righteous will receive their reward and the scales of justice will be balanced out. There is more to our faith in the ultimate triumph of our good and loving God than that.

All of the bad that happens in the world is the result of one thing: we and everything else in creation are broken at the spiritual level. Sin has damaged our connection to God and we all suffer because of it. We suffer because of our own sins and because of the sins of others. God allows us to sin because he doesn't want us to be robots, he wants us to be free to choose to love him and follow him. Tragically, we sometimes choose not to follow him and the flow of goodness and life from God is blocked and we need healing.

By sending his Son into the world, God has moved to bring us the healing we need. Jesus has taken the effects of sin into himself so that all those who believe in him and follow him are reconnected to the Father and can draw life and strength from him. Christ, the Great Physician, mends the brokenness in our lives. And as his life fills us, we receive the ability to bring life to others. Bad things still happen. The world isn't perfect yet. But we can face the hard times and overcome them with the help of God.

As St. Paul reminds us, he has given us the spirit of power and love and self-control. With these gifts we can turn back the tide of evil in the world, help those who suffer, and look forward in hope to the future. One day, all things will be made new and God's reign will be established everywhere. We wait for that day in faith. Until then we hold tight to the lifeline of grace held out to us by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Blessings,

Fr. Scott

