Pastor's Letter

October 11, 2026 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Church Family,

It's a sad truth of life that all good things must come to an end. As the days get cooler and shorter some of us may be wishing that summer would last a little longer. But time marches on. The weekend, vacations, holidays, all the special moments we look forward to go by in a flash. And the longer we live, the faster time moves. Hanging like a wet blanket over all of our good times is the fact that nothing in this life lasts forever. That includes us.

But the prophet Isaiah reminds us in our first reading that when this life is over, that's not the end of our story. "On this mountain (God) will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever." God has moved to take away the fear of death that dampens our spirits and overshadows our joy in living. Jesus Christ has conquered sin, death, and the devil and when we pass from this life, we will exchange it for a new one with no suffering or sorrow and no end to the celebration of the goodness of God.

Our faith in the final triumph of God over death sets us free from worrying about our circumstances in this life. When we look at life through the lens of eternity, we can enjoy the good times without concern about when they might end. And we can endure the bad times knowing that they are only temporary and in the end, love wins, and our hope will be fulfilled. As St. Paul says in our second reading, "I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me."

As we move through the ups and downs of life, we do so in the assurance that love waits for us at the finish line. If we keep going forward in faith, we will be met at the end with a celebration like nothing we've ever experienced. The wedding feast of the Son. And that party will never end.

Blessings,

Fr. Scott



The Mass of Remembrance will be November 7 & 8. Boxes will set up in the vestibules of the churches starting October 11 for you to bring a picture of your deceased loved ones. All are welcome to participate. All pictures need to be in by October 25, and pictures will be up for 2 weeks. Picture pick up will be November 29 & 30.

