



ST. JEROME CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 2, 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you! I write to you in a spirit of gratitude and joy as we begin to move forward with our campus expansion plans. I thank you for your generosity. As requested by the diocese, our building committee is concluding their interviews with three development firms to conduct a feasibility study. A decision should be made soon. I ask for your support as we move forward for the future development of our parish.

Our Lenten Journey begins on March 5, with Ash Wednesday. Lent is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.

St. Jerome Parish offers many ways for you to deepen your spiritual life this Lent. Each Friday during Lent you can attend daily Mass, Adoration, Benediction, and Stations of the Cross.

Another way to deepen your spiritual life is through reading scripture and daily reflections. We have a variety of booklets available to aide you on your journey. I also encourage you to take the time to re-think our most common practice of "giving something up". The Catechism of the Catholic Church points out that these are to be acts of self denial and alms giving. We should practice acts of piety in addition to making sacrifices.

Finally, please remember that Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Please join me in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as we put sin to death, and experience resurrection in our own lives. You will be in my special prayers this holy season.

I wish you all a blessed Lent.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Rakshaganathan Selvaraj
Pastor