



+ April 6-7, 2024

*To the Parishioners of
St. Mark Parish, Shoreline
St. Matthew Parish, Seattle*

Dear Friends,

I am happy to greet all of you in the name of the Risen Lord Jesus!

As archbishop, I have the important responsibility and honor of providing you with ongoing pastoral care and sacramental ministry in your parish community.

Today, I write to inform you that your parish will be entering a time of transition in pastoral leadership beginning July 1, 2024. I am pleased to announce that, after consultation with the Priest Personnel Board, I have appointed Father Cody Ross as your pastor and Father Anthony Davis as your parochial vicar. Father Ross is currently the pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Bellingham and the chaplain for the Western Washington University Newman Center, and Father Davis is the pastor of St. Barbara Parish in Black Diamond.

These are wonderful priests who will diligently and faithfully serve you and your parish family. Be assured that they will receive all the necessary support and assistance from the Archdiocese of Seattle to ensure quality pastoral care for your parish family.

At the same time, I want to personally thank Father Jacob Maurer and Father Khanh Nguyen for their wonderful service and leadership these last five and eight years, respectively. I ask you to please keep them in your prayers as they move forward in responding to God's call in their new assignments. Father Maurer will be pastor of Queen of Angels Parish in Port Angeles, St. Anne Parish in Forks, St. Joseph Parish in Sequim, St. Mary, Star of the Sea Parish in Port Townsend and St. Thomas Mission in Clallam Bay. Father Nguyen will be pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and St. Bernadette Parish, both in Seattle, and St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Burien.

Times of transition can be challenging, especially as we prepare to say goodbye to a familiar presence and welcome new pastoral leaders. However, if embraced in an open and positive way, this can be a time of blessing for the entire parish and the Catholic Church of Western Washington. I am confident that will be the case as you welcome Father Ross and Father Davis to your parish family. As always, I remain,

In The Heart of Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul D. Etienne".

Most Rev. Paul D. Etienne, DD, STL
Archbishop of Seattle