

Chaplain's Bulletin May 18, 2025



Dear Folks,

As you know I will have open heart surgery this Summer....sigh...date still unknown. Because of this some difficult decisions needed to be made regarding Parish life and how this will practically carry on in my absence. One of these decisions is the need for assistance from the Diocese to secure substitute priests to say weekend Masses. (and you know they are not plentiful)

- First: this will necessitate canceling weekday Masses while I am on medical leave.
- Second; A posting of neighboring opportunities for Reconciliation and weekday Masses is provided on this week's insert in the bulletin.
- Third; The Diocese is asking that we scale back to 3 Masses on the weekend in our cluster. This would allow each worship site to have one Mass each weekend, or at least that is the hope, depending on the scheduling of my fellow Priests.

Mass times will remain the same, save the 7:00 pm at St. Charles, which will be eliminated. (There's lots of room at St. Joseph and they are really nice people)

The new weekend Mass schedule starts the weekend of May 24/25. The weekday Masses and Reconciliation will continue until I am scheduled for my surgery.

While this will be a change for those accustomed to the late Saturday Mass, I know we can count on your support for the good of Our Catholic Community.

Blessings,
Fr. Jim