

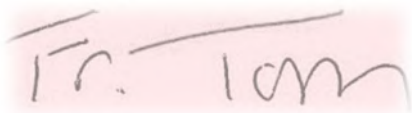
Dear Friends in Christ,

I am so grateful for the dedicated, faithful service of Donna Schlager here at St. Anthony Parish. For 17 years, she has served the parish as the Pastoral Assistant for Administration. On June 3rd Donna will retire. I invite you to please join your parish family in celebrating Donna's ministry and service among us. You are invited to join in celebrating Mass with Donna on Sunday, May 29th (which is also her birthday!) at the 9 a.m. Mass. Following Mass, we will have a reception in Donna's honor in the parish hall. I encourage you to please send Donna a note of gratitude and encouragement as she begins this new chapter in her life. We will collect the notes in the office and present them to her at the parish celebration. Thank you, Donna, for the life and love that you have given to St. Anthony Parish!

Please also keep in your prayers our students and adults who will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation this Thursday evening, May 26th at 6 p.m. We will welcome to St. Anthony Parish for the first time our newly ordained Auxiliary Bishop Frank Schuster. Please keep all our Confirmandi in your best thoughts and prayers this week.

Finally, May is a month in which we traditionally honor our Blessed Mother. On Saturday, May 28th, we will receive one of four Silver Roses in honor of our Blessed Mother. These four Silver Roses travel simultaneously along different routes from Canada to Mexico through 38 U.S. States and 5 Canadian provinces before meeting in Laredo, Texas, for transfer into Mexico, crossing the International Bridge. At noon on the 28th, in cooperation with the Knights of Columbus, we will participate in an incredibly special prayer, "*One Life, One Rose*", the Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Program, which accompanies the reception of the Silver Rose. May our parish continue to be nourished and enriched by a deep prayer life. May the love of our Blessed Mother always lead us to the love of her Son.

Easter joy+

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Fr. Tom
Pastor