

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am so very grateful to all our catechists who received a special blessing at our Masses this past weekend. We are so every blessed in this parish to have dedicated volunteers who share their time and faith so generously with all who seek to grow in their faith and knowledge. We invite our catechists and all families in the parish in our faith formation programs to come to our First Sunday of the Month **Share the Journey: *Holy Hour*** on Sunday, October 2nd from 7 to 8 p.m. What a beautiful way to begin this new year of Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation!

On Tuesday, October 4th, we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Once again, we will offer the blessing of animals on that day. The blessing will take place at 3:30 p.m. in the Piazza. Bring your dogs and cats and lizards and fish and hamsters and birds and, one year I even had a chicken! As you know, the great St. Francis had a tremendous love for all of creation and continues to be a model for us to see God's hand in all living things. Please help us honor this wonderful saint by participating in this year's Annual Blessing of the Animals on his Feast Day, Tuesday, October 4th at 3:30 p.m.

Next Sunday, October 2nd, we will add to our Mass schedule two additional Masses. We will add a third Mass in English at 10:30 a.m. and a second Mass in Spanish at 1:30 p.m. Our Sunday schedule will be: 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., Noon, 1:30 p.m., and 5 p.m. Of course, we will continue celebrating Mass on Saturday evening at 5 p.m. Many thanks to all who are stepping forward to serve as liturgical ministers to support this robust Mass schedule.

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Fr. Tom
Pastor