

Dear Parishioners of Pastorate #1:

Fr. Mark Miller, Fr. Sudhakar Devarapu, and I (Fr. Steve Brunner) want to take a moment to say hello to you! Now that we have celebrated the Easter mysteries, we are able to focus more intensely on starting our new parish lives with you in your beautiful 7 churches on July 1.

We hope that you have been able to celebrate the ministries of Fr. Greg Ihm and Fr. William Vernon for all of the hard work they have put into your parishes and are able to assist them in their move to their new locations. Furthermore, we hope that you are able to honor the ministry of Fr. Dick Leffler who enters into retirement. A well-deserved achievement!

At this time, Fr. Mark, Fr. Sudhakar, and I are trying to finalize a few things:

1. Where to live, given 3 available rectories
2. A reasonable Sunday Mass schedule, given 3 priests, 7 locations, and a maximum of 3 Masses per priest
3. Adequate availability for the sacrament of confession among the churches
4. Opportunities for regular Eucharistic adoration
5. Reasonable times for daily Mass, given 4 schools

At this time, we don't have any news to share with you about those 5 items. We understand that many parishioners are anxious to hear what the new Mass times will be, and we are trying our best to work through these items as quickly as possible.

With the changes going into effect on Saturday, July 1, we are hoping to publish the new Mass schedule by June 1 to allow parishioners a chance to get used to the new schedule – how different it will look is yet to be determined. We are grateful for your patience, and we look forward to communicating any news to you as soon as possible. In the meantime, in the next few weeks, we would like to introduce ourselves to you through several bulletin letters. We wish you all the best as you look forward to Spring time and the end of the school year! We look forward to meeting you in July!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Steve Brunner

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Fr. Mark Miller

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Fr. Sudhakar Devarapu

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