



St. Aloysius Parish

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Dear Parishioners,

Since my arrival at St. Aloysius/Mary, Star of the Sea, I have been overwhelmed by the graciousness and kindness of our people. I have been made to feel welcome in my new role by so many people, and I will always appreciate the support and help that they have offered and provided.

After my initial four months of service within our parish, I shared with you (in a series of four homilies or orientation talks) my observations about our parish --- its strengths and weaknesses included. I also tried to communicate a plan of where I would like to see our parish headed, both in terms of the overall goals of the Catholic Church (as set forth in various Vatican and other Church documents), and in terms of fulfilling the goals that we, as a parish, adopted in our own "Vision 2016".

These are exciting goals for the people of our parish. In rising to the challenges presented by these goals, our parish will need a larger pool of committed individuals than ever to become involved in the church. For this reason, I am actively recruiting dedicated and faith-filled people of all kinds to play new roles in our parish --- on councils, commissions, volunteer outreach programs, and as lay ministers and helpers. I strongly believe that each person has a talent that they may call upon to benefit our church. The contributions of many parishioners will be needed in our small parish to lift us to our collective goals.

As the leadership and composition of some of our most vital councils and committees is changing with the introduction of new people, it is extremely important to acknowledge the immense contributions that have been made by our outgoing leadership. These people are true humble servants of Christ, having given selflessly of their time and energies for many years --- often with little recognition.

I hope that you will join me in looking forward to our continued work together, our new challenges, and new roles, as we dedicate ourselves to the improvement and growth of this church that we all love.

I wish you all a Blessed Holy Week and Happy Easter!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Balaswamy Govindu
Administrator