

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

September 4, 2022

We always have a lot to be grateful for here at our parish of Saint Theresa as God continues to shower down his abundant blessings upon us. It is important for us to take time on a regular basis to raise our minds and hearts in prayer and give thanks to God for all of these blessings. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us, ‘*Thanksgiving characterizes the prayer of the Church, especially in celebrating the Eucharist; and that every event and need can become an offering of thanksgiving.*’ (See Paragraphs #2637-2638) When we gather to celebrate Mass as a community, this is essentially what we are doing... *giving thanks to God for His many gifts & blessings.* As the months of summer come to an end and the season of fall approaches, we have a lot to look forward to in the upcoming weeks & months. On Sunday, September 18th, we celebrate *Catechetical Sunday* and formally begin our children’s faith formation program for this academic year. At the 9am Mass on *Catechetical Sunday* we will impart a special blessing on all of the catechists of our parish. The catechists are the men & women of our parish who generously volunteer their time and energy to share & teach the faith in a variety of ways, especially to the younger generation. It is important for us to give thanks to God for them and to pray that God continues to bless them in their service. On Saturday, October 1st, we will celebrate our *parish Feast Day for Saint Theresa, the Little Flower*. I want to invite everyone to attend a special Mass at 9am on our *Feast Day*, which we will be followed by a breakfast reception in the Faith Formation Center. Our *Feast Day* is the perfect opportunity for us to celebrate our life together here at the parish and raise our minds & hearts in thanksgiving to God.



Peace & Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. John Large". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rev. John Large
Pastor