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Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for hosting the annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner this month along with Irish dancing, music, and good food. This type of social event brings us closer to God and each other. Thank you, Paul, Don, and all of our volunteers who care for and cultivate Meditation Park, making it attractive and available for many people, young and old; believers and non-believers who come to pray, reflect, rest, and give thanks to God. It is my joy to see different groups come to pray the Stations of the Cross, the rosary, or walk around in this beautiful spot. Thank you to those of you assisting us with Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent, soup supper, our "Bible in a Year" and "Rescue Project" discussion groups. I am sure these spiritual nourishments will bring us closer to God and one another as a family of faith.

There is a Lenten Penance Service on Friday, March 22 at 6:00 pm. I highly encourage you to come to this service and receive the sacrament of Reconciliation to prepare for Easter. Holy Week is the most sacred week in Catholicism, beginning with Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday. The summit of the liturgical year is the Paschal Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday). As a single celebration, the Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, leading us to Friday and through the Passion and Death, and to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil. The Vigil Mass is the high point of the Triduum and the liturgical year. At this Holy Mass, the Catechumen and Candidates will receive the Sacraments of Initiation. We give thanks to Almighty God, to our Faith Formation team, and offer congratulations to you, our newest members of St. John Bosco Catholic Church.

May the Risen Lord, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint John Bosco, and all the Saints bless you, and your families. May they unite us as One, in Christ, to Worship and Love, Witness and Serve. Happy Easter Everyone. Alleluia.

In the Risen Christ,

Fr. Thomas