

# St. Michael the Archangel

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Dear Parish Family,

The 4th Sunday of Easter is designated by the church as Good Shepherd Sunday. It is also designated as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. As we reflect today on our Lord Jesus as the good shepherd, I ask you to pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life and to also invite men and women to consider that life of service to God. Please pray also for those who are already in the priesthood. We need your prayers too!

A few days ago, I celebrated 40 years of priestly life. I remember quite clearly the bishop laying his hands on my head as he was invoking the Holy Spirit and then anointing my hands with sacred oil. I became a priest. I was simply overwhelmed, a life changing event! In these 40 years, the Lord has never ceased to amaze, awe, dazzle and exhilarate me. Many times too in these 40 years He has asked me to carry crosses. I have been sad and felt discouraged at times and there were days when the road seemed so long and I felt the difficult challenges would never end. But what kept me going were the many times that with God's grace, I felt so joyful and humbled to be one of His chosen few. It is a special calling, holy and sacred !

So once again I would like to thank you for allowing me to be your priest. Please forgive the times I may have failed you. As Msgr. Seth Hermoso preached in the thanksgiving mass last Saturday afternoon, we priests remain human beings after ordination and therefore subject to failings, faults and mistakes like the rest of humanity. May I always fulfill the expectations you have of me and pray harder for me if I fail to do that.

Thank you so much for all your prayers, wishes, and support you have given me!!!

Sincerely,

*Fr. Dwight*

P.S. On Saturday at the 5:30pm mass we will administer the sacrament of confirmation to our young men and women. The seating in the church is already reserved for the candidates, their sponsors and parents and a limited number of guests. So others coming will need to attend the service in the Family Life Center. We are also planning to live stream it on our YouTube channel in addition to our normal live stream of the 10:00am Sunday mass.

Also please encourage your daughters and sons, ages 9 - 14, to participate on the KC Free Throw Contest in the OLQP Gym this Sunday at 3:00pm.