## St. Michael the Archangel

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Dear Parish Family,

I am back!

I took a few days off to visit my sister and her husband in Seattle. You may or may not have noticed my absence from the parish. Three wonderful priests covered the days that I was away. I wanted to make sure that you were not deprived of the sacraments in my absence. At any rate, I promised my sister to visit her and since it was her birthday it was a good opportunity to fulfill my promise. Her husband also just retired from the military after 27 years of active service. While there, I blessed their new house and three other houses in their neighborhood. It was a good visit. It is always good to visit family.

As we continue to slowly go back to the normal day to day life of the parish, we will also start to discontinue or ease off some of the things that we have been doing because of the pandemic. In an effort to reach out to you and keep you in the loop of what's happening in the parish, I have been writing this midweek message in addition to my weekly note in the bulletin. But now that we are getting back to our old routine and seeing a good number of parishioners back in the church, I decided to discontinue this midweek letter to you. My Sunday letter to you will continue to be in the bulletin and sent out via e-mail. And certainly I will write an email note like this one if there is a need or something of great importance that you have to know quickly. One of the other things we will be considering is the discontinuation of the live-stream broadcasts of the Sunday 10:00am Mass as we continue to see you returning in person.

In any case, this is my last scheduled midweek letter and I want to thank you for faithfully reading these letters. I know there's a lot to be desired in my writings and many better ways of expressing what I want to tell you as your pastor. Forgive the errors, wrong tenses, and other things. I just wanted to reach out to you and communicate regularly during the height of the pandemic.

Sincerely,

Fr. Dwight