St. Michael the Archangel

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Dear Parish Family,

In the midst of this most holy week of the year, I thought of writing you a midweek letter. I believe it is just necessary and important to do that as we are now in the threshold of the Triduum which celebrates the Paschal Mystery of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At last weekend's masses, I had encouraged all you to make time and participate in the liturgies of the last day and hours of Our Lord Jesus as a sign and manifestation of our gratitude of the great love He has shown us by His suffering and death on the cross. We can never repay what He has done for us but our presence and participation at least demonstrates our willingness to be grateful for that love.

Now another good reason that I would like all of you to attend the Holy Week services is that our very own Cardinal DiNardo has decided to officiate the 3:00pm service on Good Friday which includes Veneration of the Cross. I would have included that in my announcements to you last weekend but we only received confirmation this morning.

Isn't this very exciting to have the pastor of our archdiocese come down and lead us in the Good Friday service? I believe this is the first time in our parish that our Cardinal DiNardo will visit us during Holy Week and preside in our Good Friday Liturgy. Aren't you excited? Well, certainly, I am! We are indeed very proud that among all the parishes in the Archdiocese, St. Michael the Archangel church is the chosen venue for one of the services of the Triduum during Holy Week.

So once again, I would like to make this appeal to you to come and join your fellow parishioners in these special liturgies of Holy Week and most especially the Good Friday 3:00 pm Veneration of the Cross officiated by our beloved Daniel Cardinal DiNardo. And also, if it's not too much ask, if you can spread the word to your fellow parishioners who may not have access to this message! I hope we can fill up our church on Good Friday as a sign of our unity and excitement of the Cardinal's visit!

A Blessed Triduum to all of you!

Fr. Dwight