



## PARISH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

One Faith, One Parish, Ten Communities

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Dear Friends in Faith,

The season of Lent is upon us and as followers of Jesus we want to use this holy season as a time for spiritual growth and loving service to our community. There are many different ways of doing this and I would certainly encourage you to use this time of grace for your spiritual benefit.

I also want, as your Pastor, to invite you this Lent to look at the gift that you make to the parish. Your contribution of your time, your talents and your treasures helps your faith to grow and permits the parish to continue the work of Christ in our many communities. Our faith has to touch all aspects of our personal and professional lives. Periodically we all need to seriously look at what we are doing and how we are doing it.

To help in this, the Finance and Administration Council is inviting all parishioners to be a part of what we are calling “**G.I.F.T.**”. Depending on what we are doing and what we are capable of doing, “**G.I.F.T.**” can point us in certain directions. We will be talking about this at our weekend liturgies. We will also be inviting parishioners to participate by making “**G.I.F.T.**” an important part of their faith response.

Briefly, we will begin by looking at “**Growing In Faith Together**”. This continues by “**Giving In Faith Together**”. If we do both, of these effectively then there will be no reason why the third aspect of our reflection “**Glowing in Faith Together**” should not happen.

Please pray for the parish and a faith-filled response to this Parish Lenten Activity. What we want is to strengthen our parish community and to commit ourselves to service for the upcoming generations. These words of St. Teresa of Avila might help in your prayers for the parish. “Christ has no body now on earth but yours; yours are the only hands by which he can do his work, yours are the only feet by which he can go around the world, yours are the only eyes through which his compassion can shine forth upon a troubled world. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.”

My Prayers Always,