

VOCATIONS CORNER

As part of our ongoing commitment to promote and encourage all vocations within our parish family we present information each month to help develop our knowledge and understanding of each calling. This month a message from Fr. Danny:

Hello, if you don't know who I am, my name is Fr. Danny Santos, and I am the new kid on the block. As the new Parochial Vicar (aka Associate Pastor), I have the privilege and opportunity to work with an excellent parish team, staff and of course the parishioners of the Good Shepherd Parish. I want to share with you a brief bit of the story of how I became a priest and the power of the Eucharist. I wasn't always called to be a priest; in fact, I was planning to be a Crown Attorney; however, God had other plans. One day, Fr. Min the Associate Pastor of the parish I used to attend (I was a non-practicing Catholic for 4+ years), invited me to a Come and See Weekend. This weekend took place at the Seminary of St. Augustine's and was an opportunity to see if God was calling me to be a priest. Often times we think that God calling us is like a friend calling us on a cell phone, but I see it as God's call is more like a gentle whisper - easy to miss, but constant and consistent. God called me through the powerful gift of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, as I adored Jesus present in the Eucharist I became hungry for the Eucharist and hungry to do God's will perfectly - it wasn't immediate, it was something that took me many years to reflect on and understand. It is no accident that the parishes who have adoration are ones that have the highest number of vocations. If we are stuck in a fork in the road, if we are unsure what our next step is, why not take some time to consult the master, to speak with Jesus and have a will of God, our happiness and joy? We continue to pray for all of you in your vocations.

