

Pastor's Perspective: A Letter From Bishop Ruggieri

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

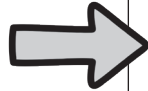
It is hard to believe that my first, six-year term as your pastor is scheduled to conclude on July 31, 2026. Although I arrived in the middle of the pandemic, it was clear to me then (as it is now) that this parish community is strong because it is centered on loving our Eucharistic Lord. Over time, by the grace of God, we were able to resume the full slate of ministries, programs, services that are at the heart of our evangelizing mission (i.e., gracious worship and other devotions; genuine Catholic education and faith formation for all ages; generous outreach to the poor and the marginalized; etc.).

It has been a great joy, blessing, and privilege in my own life to have been your pastor during these years. Mindful of all this, last month I wrote to Bishop James Ruggieri and respectfully requested that he appoint me to another six-year term. I am pleased to provide you with a copy of his response (see letter at right) and look forward to serving as your pastor for another six years.

As always, I humbly ask that you keep me, as well as all our clergy and staff, in your daily prayers. Be assured of our prayers for all of you.

Peace and blessings,

Msgr. Andrew Dubois



Dear Monsignor Dubois,

Thank you for your letter of March 3, 2026, in which you expressed your desire to continue serving as pastor of Saint Paul the Apostle Parish. I am grateful for your generosity and your evident love for the people entrusted to your pastoral care.

Over these past years, you have exercised your pastoral leadership with dedication and fidelity. Your commitment to the spiritual and pastoral life of the parish, as well as to the broader mission of the Diocese of Portland, has not gone unnoticed. I am particularly appreciative of the stability and continuity you have provided, which have allowed the merciful work of the Lord and the mission of the Church to impact many souls.

I am pleased to renew your appointment as pastor of Saint Paul the Apostle Parish for another six-year term commencing on August 1, 2026. I do so with confidence in your continued leadership and your desire to serve the People of God with generosity and zeal.

At the same time, I wish to be transparent in acknowledging that the needs of the diocese must always take precedence. While it is my intention that you continue in this role for the full term, circumstances may arise that require reassignment in service of the wider good of the Church. I am grateful for your understanding of this responsibility that we share.

Please know of my gratitude for your priestly ministry and my prayers for you as you continue to shepherd the faithful entrusted to your care.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Most Rev. James T. Ruggieri
Bishop of Portland

cc: Very Rev. Kyle Doustou, VG
Very Rev. John D. Dickinson, JV

This Week's Mass Readings

Monday, May 4

Reading 1, Acts 14:5-18
Psalms 115:1-4, 15-16
Gospel, John 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 5

Reading 1, Acts 14:19-28
Psalms, 145:10-13, 21
Gospel, John 14:27-31

Wednesday, May 6

Reading 1, Acts 15:1-6
Psalms 122:1-5
Gospel, John 15:1-8

Thursday, May 7

Reading 1, Acts 15:7-21
Psalms 96:1-3, 10
Gospel, John 15:9-11

Friday, May 8

Reading 1, Acts 15:22-31
Psalms 57:8-10 and 12
Gospel, John 15:12-17

Saturday, May 9

Reading 1, Acts 16:1-10
Psalms 100:1-3, 5
Gospel, John 15:18-21

Sunday, May 10

Reading 1, Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Psalms 66:1-7, 16, 20
Gospel, John 14:15-21
Reading 2, 1 Peter 3:15-18

