

Summer Wish List – A Note of Gratitude from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you so much for your unfailing support throughout the pandemic. In June, I requested donations for some liturgical vestments and other items. I am delighted to report that all of these items have been ordered and the donations received have covered the cost in full.

The new altar crucifix has been completed earlier than expected and has already been shipped. The Sunday chasubles in the four principal liturgical colours have been completed and are now also on their way to the parish.

Due to your very generous contributions, additional items were purchased: a red Holy Spirit vestment already used for some Confirmation celebrations; a white vestment for Corpus Christi and First Communion celebrations; a Marian vestment for Wednesday evening Masses and other feasts in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary; and a Christmas vestment. After an extensive search in North America to no avail, a special St. Francis of Assisi chasuble is also being ordered from Italy with the invaluable assistance of an Italian-speaking parishioner.

Most of the donations received for all of these liturgical items came from individuals, couples or families in our parish. The cost of the Marian chasuble was jointly covered by the Legion of Mary members. Half of the cost of the new funeral pall and matching chasuble was covered by a donation received from Turner and Porter Funeral Services.

Now that our church has re-opened with increased capacity, and we are looking forward to the further reduction of pandemic restrictions, we are more hopeful about the future. It is also an exciting time for St. Francis of Assisi parishioners as we prepare to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of our parish community on September 8, 2021.

Thank you again for your continuing generosity and support. May the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary be with us and the prayers of St. Francis of Assisi strengthen and encourage us throughout the remainder of 2021 and beyond.

Yours in Christ,



Fr. Damian Ali, Pastor