

A Parish Family of the Roman **Catholic Diocese of Charleston**

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Fr. Christopher Smith, STD

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Fr. Richard Tomlinson, STD

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Our Mission

To share the fullness of the Gospel to all we encounter in our lives by equipping disciples to create and strengthen a personal relationship with Christ. By the grace of God, we are called to strive for personal holiness, participate fully in the vibrant life of the Church's Tradition and transform the world.



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Are you new? Welcome! We are grateful that you have come to our parish and hope that you will soon call this faith community your home!

Guest Writers: Maria Barontini on Totus Tuus

An Extraordinary Parish for Ordinary People

Dear Parish Family,

Every year since the summer of 2017 our parish has hosted a Totus Tuus team from the Diocese of Charlotte. We have had 5 successful Totus Tuus Vacation Bible School (VBS) weeks over the last six years (skipping in 2020 due to COVID-19). Can you believe that the students who started out in childcare in 2017 are now entering 3rd-5th grades?

I cannot thank our parish members enough for supporting this ministry.

Every year we ask for host families to house our Totus Tuus team and multiple families have volunteered for this duty over the last 5 years. We have asked for dinners for team members, and they have always been provided for abundantly. I ask for donations every year for snacks, drinks, and pizza and without fail our parishioners have provided. I am so grateful for the parishioners who come to me yearly asking "what do you need this year?" We've had the same family provide a volunteer lunch for our entire team plus parish volunteers for the last five years! We've had different families provide gift cards or entirely sponsor our Friday pizza lunch. These are the small things that add up and provide the foundation for a successful program.

Totus Tuus is one of our most popular programs every year and that is because of our parishioners. I have been working with some of the same parish volunteers every single year since 2017 and they come back yearly even though it's a 25+ hour VOLUNTEER commitment for one week. Our Totus Tuus volunteers are absolute rockstars and we would not make such an impact without them. I can only pay them in words and sweet treats, but I wish I could show my utter appreciation to our hosts, volunteers and yearly team members in a bigger way. What I know is that they are definitely storing up treasure in heaven by their actions the week of Totus Tuus.

Over the last five years we have served over 600 children and youth. Our students come back year after year and then return to volunteer AND attend the youth program in the evening! Totus Tuus week is fruitful for our parish every year and those students who participate are impacted for years to come. I have multiple thank you notes from participants stating how Totus Tuus week changed their lives. This is all thanks to the support of you, our parish family.

Please know each and every one of you are invited to our Wednesday, I3 July Parish-wide Totus Tuus Potluck at 5p in the PAC. We would love to see you there and for you to witness the success of this amazing program. Please use this link to RSVP (this is used to know how many chairs and tables to set up). The parish provides drinks, desserts, and paper products. You're invited to bring a dish to share.

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Our Map—A Smoke, Vape & Tobacco Free Campus



- I Church
- 2 Christ the King Adoration Chapel
- 3 PAC (Parish Activity Center) & PAC Classroom
- 4 Guadalupe Hall
- 5 School & School Offices (Lourdes Hall)
- 6 & 7 Parish House, under the protection of Our Lady of Fatima
- 8 Blessed McGivney Community Center & Library
- 9 Pope Francis House
- 10 Walsingham Hall

Parking Lots 11, 12, 13 and 14

Parish Calendar

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8a Mass Jim O'Grady+(FPC) 10a Mass McCullen/Simmons Family+(FRT) 12p EF Mass William Mershon-L (FRT)		8.15a Office of Readings & Lauds 9a Mass Carol Mullman+(FTD) 5.30p Vespers (Evening Prayer)
1.15p EF altar boy practice 7p basketball	10.30a svdp pope francis house 6.30p legion of mary lourdes hall 6.45p young adults mcgivney hall	
wednesday, 29 june sts peter & paul (OF & EF)	thursday, 30 june the first martyrs of the holy roman church (OF) the commemoration of st paul (EF)	friday, I july st junipero serra (OF) the most precious blood of our lord jesus christ (EF)
8.15a Office of Readings & Lauds 9a Mass Michael Martin-L (FTD)	8.15a Office of Readings & Lauds 9a Mass Marguerite T Dandenault+(FTD)	8.15a Office of Readings & Lauds 9a Mass Paul B Mullman+(FRT) 5.30p Vespers (Evening Prayer) 6.30p Holy Hour & Benediction
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homebound ministry

If you are homebound and wish to receive Holy Communion, please contact Deacon Mark Thompson at mark.thompson@princeofpeacetaylors.org

widows and widowers-"bounce"

Be comforted by those who have experienced the grief of the loss of a spouse on the first Saturday of the month at 10a in the Pope Francis House. Call Jean Casey at 864.423.7010 to Jean more.

weekly children's holy hour

Every Thursday between 10-11a, all parents are invited to bring their children to the Adoration Chapel. In this hour, it is understood that there will be some noise in the Chapel. Contact Adrienne Haverland at jahaverland@gmail.com with questions.

help needed: ushers and greeters

Greeters and ushers are greatly needed across all Mass times! Contact Marco De Maria at 864.631.7713 or at mad4jen@msn.com!

mom's group meeting

Join a group of moms who meet the first Friday of each month between 9.30-11.30a in parish house for a rosary, reading the Gospel, coffee and socializing. Contact Adrienne Haverland at jahaverland@gmail.com with questions.

parish office closed

The parish office will be closed 1, 4-5 July.

perpetual eucharistic adoration

"I worry some of you still have not really met Jesus—one to one—you and Jesus alone."
—Saint Mother Teresa

Please consider adopting an hour or become a substitute. Contact Lisa Buss at 864.508.7123 or adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org with questions!

- Adorers must receive the code from Lisa Buss.
- Hours in need of adorers (urgent*):
 - 12a Tuesdays, 2a* & 8a* Thursdays, 3a*
 Fridays, and 10a Saturdays

baptism class

Parents desiring Baptism for their children must attend a Baptism Class. The next class will be held on Thursday, 14 July at 6.30p in the Walsingham Hall Art Room. Contact Deacon Gus to join at 864. 420.0497 or baptisms@princeofpeacetaylors.org

⇒ Baptisms cannot be scheduled until the class is completed. Only Deacon Acosta can schedule Baptisms.

lay dominicans

Learn about the life and charism of Lay Dominicans and how they share in the apostolic mission of the Dominican Order through the Four Pillars: Prayer, Study, Community and Apostolic Preaching, by emailing Linda Head, OP at ixhead@gmail.com.

welcome new parishioners

Welcome Steve & Lindsey Rohr and family; David & Carrie Young and family; Emily Schmidt; Anthony & Carrie Petruso; and family; Clifford & Carol Leavitt; Elizabeth Sanford; Robert Ritchie & Janneke Pieters and family; and Remy & Penny Grossi and family.

Prayerfully consider donating the following:



sanctuary lamp \$20 donated by Anne Marie Church for Charlotte & Joseph Ryan



flowers \$220



bread & wine \$20 donated by Gustek Family in honor of Fr Robert Falabella



music \$300

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act of spiritual communion

If you are unable to receive Holy Communion for whatever reason, make a Spiritual Communion by reciting the following:

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament . I love You above all things, and , and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart, as though You have already come. I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You.

men's bible study

Deacon Michael Thompson will lead a Men's Bible Study meeting Tuesdays at 7p beginning 16 August studying the Book of Mark and Book of Luke! Contact Deacon Thompson at 864.365.8178.

feast of the assumption

The feast of the Assumption is Monday, 15 August. It commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven, before her body could begin to decay-a foretaste of our own bodily resurrection at the end of time. Because it signifies the Blessed Virgin's passing into eternal life, it is the most important of all Marian feasts. The Mass times are as follows:

7a Quiet Mass 8.30a Sung Mass 7p EF Mass

On this day we have the Blessing of Herbs. If you would like to have your herbs blessed, please place them at the Our Lady Queen of Peace altar to be blessed.

latin mass community news

The Latin Mass community hosts a community-wide potluck each month! Two families are needed to setup at 11a and three families are needed to help with cleanup. Contact Tracey Mershon at traceymer-shon63@gmail.com if you're available!

• EF Altar boy training begins after 12n EF Mass and ends at 2:30pm. Practice will run every other week through the summer: June 26, July 10, July 24, August 7 is for any NEW altar boys and current altar boys. If you're not receiving emails about altar boy training and schedules, write to michael.cavin@princeofpeacetaylors.org

fraternus & fidelis ministries

Fraternus & Fidelis are mentoring programs for 6th-12th graders—fraternus is for boys & fidelis is for girls. Mentors form a brotherhood/sisterhood of virtue and invite the teens into it.

It's time to register for 2022-23. Learn more:

- families of 6th-12th grade boys should contact Billy at <u>upstatefraternus@gmail.com</u>
- families of 6th-12th grade ladies should contact Kelly at <u>upstatefidelis@gmail.com</u>

prayer shawl ministry

The prayer shawl ministry meets on the third Friday of the month at 10.30a. They crochet/knit shawls/lap robes which they donate to nursing homes, cancer and dialyses centers. They welcome more volunteers and donations of yarn is always welcome. For information call Paulette at 864.434.0278.

welcome committee

Interested in helping new folks feel at home at our parish? From emails to phone calls to welcoming events, there's a way to pitch in! Contact Maria at maria.rauch@princeofpeacetaylors.org to learn about the Guild of St Benedict Welcome Committee.

friends of st josemaria recollections

The purpose of a recollection is to help participants sanctify their ordinary life in and through their work, family, and recreational activities. In the spirit of Opus Dei, the next Recollections are:

Men: Friday, 15 July at 7p, reception to follow Women: Saturday, 16 July at 9a in the church

abortion healing

If you or someone you love has experienced an abortion, healing is available. Learn about anonymous support offered virtually or in person options by calling Support After Abortion at 844.289.HOPE. Healing is offered to men and woman, grandparents, friends and other loved ones.



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get to know the knights of columbus 9184

Contact John Olson, Grand Knight at 864.354.5680 to be part of building a strong united Brotherhood of men in support of faith, family and vocations. St. Joseph, pray for us.



st vincent de paul-needs

St Vincent de Paul is in need of SpaghettiOs's, pasta sauce, pasta, pork & beans, canned peas, bar soap, toothbrushes, and toilet paper. Please drop them off in the wooden bin in the Narthex.

library hours

The online catalogue is here. Summer hours are:

 Sundays after the 8a Mass (9-10a), after the 10a Mass (11a-12n), and after the noon Mass (1-2p, except on potluck Sundays).

triune mercy kitchen—feed the hungry

Make a **corporal work of mercy by feeding the hungry** of Triune Mercy Kitchen on the first Sunday monthly. Please <u>sign up here</u>. Contact Phillip & Hannah with questions at 805.750.5663 or <u>community.kofc9184@gmail.com</u>.

donations needed for totus tuus

Sign-up to donate a much needed item for Totus Tuus 2022. These donations help feed our participants daily. We will have approximately 100 participants in the day program plus volunteers and our evening program will have approximately 30 students. Please drop off non-perishable items to Maria Barontini's office between 27 June and 8 July and perishable items on 11 July (the first day of the Elementary program).

• Link to signup to donate

st clare's home—volunteer needs

St. Clare's Home is an upstate maternity home for expectant mothers who choose life and are in need of shelter, safety, and security. They are in need of more volunteers who support the mission! Please email stclaresvolunteer@charlestondiocese.org for the many ways you can get involved.

potluck—everyone welcome

Everyone is invited to a potluck on Wednesday, 13 July to welcome the missionaries from Totus Tuus and enjoy fellowship as we kick off a week of vacation bible school.

 help us plan the right number of tables and chairs with your RSVP here.

new spotify channel for sacred music

St Augustine said, "He who sings, prays twice." Sacred music is an integral part of the divine liturgy, not just a nice add on. The active participation of the faithful in the Mass and other offices of the Church means that we all sing as part of what we offer to God. We have a lot of English and Latin that we sing here at Prince of Peace. In an effort to encourage everyone to learn as much of the repertoire as possible that we sing here, we now have our own playlist on Spotify. This is a great way to get this music and the texts in your ear as you are doing things around the house or even driving around!

 Go to Playlists on Spotify and type in Sacred Music at Prince of Peace and like it (or, <u>follow this direct link</u>)

become a catechist

We are in need of lead catechists, classroom assistants, and substitute catechists. Student volunteers grades 9th-12th are always needed as assistants and can earn community service hours for high school by filling these positions.

- We will have our Annual Catechist Training session on 30 July from 9a-12p.
- Classes for 2022-2023 are scheduled to begin on Sunday 21 August 2022 at 8.50-9.50a.

scheduling mass intentions

Interested in scheduling a Mass intention? The opportunity to schedule for the remainder of 2022 will begin on 27 June. Contact Maria Rauch.

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2nd annual charity golf tournament

The 2nd annual Charity Golf Outing benefitting Prince of Peace Catholic Church & School and St Rafka Maronite Church is Monday, 19 September 2022 at the Cherokee Valley Golf Club in Travelers Rest!

- The Cause: The first annual event raised \$48,790 in donations from 24 sponsors and 84 golfers benefitting a Phase I security upgrade on the Prince of Peace Catholic Church & School campus and a General Building Fund for St Rafka Maronite Church. Money raised this year will be used to continue these important security and building projects on both campuses.
- About the Club: This thoughtfully sculpted course gives golfers a masterfully designed layout with dramatic drops and rises, and incredible views of Glassy Mountain. The 18-hole, 6,728-yard, par 72 course was designed by P.B. Dye and delights golfers with scenic water features, championship greens, and meandering fairways that grant new challenges with every round. Best of all, this is a course that lets you have fun no matter what your age or level of play.
- Event Details: 11a Registration, 12n Tee Off, and 5p Buffet Dinner with Silent Auction and Prizes.
 - Join for the entire day or come just for dinner!
- Cost: \$125/golfer or \$500 for a team of four includes golf, cart, balls, dinner and gift. Dinner only is \$25/person.
 - Registration for golf and/or dinner is now open on our website.



- Sponsorship Levels: Levels range from a "Hole Sponsor" at \$1,000 to a "Master Sponsor" at \$4,000 with associated benefits.
 - Sponsorship is only available by contacting event organizers.

For tickets or sponsorship information, visit charitygolfgreenville.com or email Brian Mackenzie at info@charitygolfgreenville.com

care packages, prayers and letters request

We now have two young women in formation in cloistered religious orders and two young men whose parents are in the parish, one of whom is a member of our parish, who are in formation for the sacred priesthood. Please consider sending them the occasional care package of practical household items, letters of encouragement, and yummy non-perishable food items. Please remember that they may not always be allowed to respond because of their rule, but they are grateful.

Sister Emily Rees, nOSB Abbey of Our Lady of Ephesus 8005 NW 316th St Gower, MO 64454

Sister Catherine Rose of the Immaculate Conception, OCD
Carmel of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
327 Water St.
Fairfield. PA 17320

Revd Sem Dan Perry St Vincent's Seminary 300 Fraser Purchase Rd, Latrobe, PA 15650

Rev Sem Michael LaRochelle, FSSP Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary 7880 W Denton Rd, Denton, NE 68339

donating blood

Did you know that when you donate blood at The Blood Connection, Prince of Peace Catholic Church & School has a code to "credit" it to our parish? The code is 3APE.

traveling? you can still catch homilies

Homilies are archived on our website and available on: Google Podcast (http://bit.ly/googlepodcastpop), Apple Podcast (http://bit.ly/applepodcastpop) and Tuneln (http://tun.in/pjqsw)



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parish school open enrollment

Prince of Peace Catholic School is the primary apostolate of Prince of Peace Catholic Church serving families from K4 through 8th grade. We are a National Blue Ribbon School of Academic Excellence, a Cardinal Newman Society Catholic Education Honor Roll School, and a National BETA Club School of Distinction and Merit.

Open Enrollment for the 2022-23 School Year has begun with space reserved first come, first served. Take a tour of the school with your family by calling Liz Burgdorf at 864.331.2145. Private school can be affordable. Learn about our scholarships!

summer mass schedule

Our Summer Schedule last until 13 August:

- 9a Mass on Tuesday-Friday
- 9a First Saturday EF Mass in July & August
- Confessions on Wednesdays from 5-6p & Saturdays from 3.30-4.40p
- normal Sunday Mass schedule

may report: st vincent depaul society

The St Vincent De Paul Society at Prince of Peace accepts contributions by <u>EFT</u>. Please make checks out directly to SVDP and NOT Prince of Peace. May financials:

SVDP Donations	2022	2021	Increase / (Decrease)
Month	\$8,003	\$6,730	\$1,273
Year-to-Date	\$43,595	\$40,852	\$2,743

bulletin sponsors

If you would like to advertise in our church bulletin, please contact Greg Duncan, Diocesan at 704.614.2350 or GDuncan@Diocesan.com. Our advertisers allow us to publish at no cost to the parish. Thank you to each of you who advertise and/or support advertisers with your patronage and word of mouth.

fr smith mission work in turkey

With the support & encouragement of Bishop Fabre-Jeune, Fr Smith will complete mission work and Turkish studies in Istanbul starting 17 June and returning on I August.

- Fr Smith is not leaving his position as pastor and will return on I August to our parish.
- Mission work is not to be confused with a sabbatical or vacation.
- Fr Smith asks for your prayers that he may continue to discern the Lord's will to be a man of communion and encounter in a land blessed by God.

summer hours at the parish school

The parish school will be open Monday-Thursday between 9a-Ip. Normal hours resume on 8 August.

parish offertory | may

Giving to the offertory is convenient and easy. Scan the QR code to connect to Tithely to make your gift. Options to give to special projects are available. Keep supporting your parish home when you are on vacation with this convenience!





	As of May 31, 2022				
Offertory	Actual			Budget	Surplus / (Deficit)
Month	\$	132,988	\$	139,100	(\$6,112)
Year-To-Date	\$	1,480,189	\$	1,388,850	\$91,339

save the date—nurses

The South Carolina Council of Catholic Nurses is meeting on 13 August at 11a in Columbia, SC. Learn more by writing NMcGrath@charlestondiocese.org

wedding coordinators needed

Consider serving as a wedding coordinator! Hours include Fridays at 4p and Saturdays 11a-3p. This year we have 2-3 weddings a month. Learn more by calling Sharon Huecker at 864.297.1987.

discounted attraction books

Attraction Books are offered by the Columbiettes for \$15. Available in church and school offices.

Contact Us

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*contact Deacon Acosta about baptisms, funerals, marriage, and RCIA

Maria Rauch Pari	ish Secretary	864.331.3901	maria.rauch@princeofpeacetaylors.org
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*contact Maria R. about facility reservations and requesting Anointing of the Sick prior to surgery or when gravely ill, Safe Environment

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*contact Maria B. about children's catechesis, first confession, first communion, and confirmation

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Elizabeth Wilson Associate Director of Music 864.331.3906 elizabeth.wilson@princeofpeacetaylors.org

School (Office: 864.331.3921) *our childcare registration number is 24774

Steven Cunningham	Principal	864.331.2145	principal@popcatholicschool.org
Tammy Lopez	Office Manager	864.331.3911	tammy.lopez@popcatholicschool.org

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Communications Director	Kylee Jean Heap	864.266.8843	communications@princeofpeacetaylors.org
Creighton Fertility Care/Family Planning	Kristie Killough, RN, BSN, FCP	864.243.7800	text for appointment
Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts	Harry Grilliot/Marty Yigdall	864.423.6541	Pack259.SC@gmail.com
CYO (Catholic Youth Organization)	John & Stephanie Lasitter		cyo@princeofpeacetaylors.org
Food & Financial Assistance	St. Vincent de Paul Society	864.331.3937	
Fraternus	Thomas Connelly	864.414.9192	fraternus@princeofpeacetaylors.org
Knights of Columbus 9184	John Olson	864.354.5680	gk.kofc9184@gmail.com
Latin Mass Community	Tracey Mershon		traceymershon63@gmail.com
Respect Life	Tanya Wersinger	864.979.1856	tanya.wersinger@gmail.com
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Submit your announcements 2 weeks prior to the desired bulletin date to bulletinsubmissions@princeofpeacetaylors.org



Active Parishioner Status

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In order to be considered an active parishioner of Prince of Peace, you must do the following for at least six months:

- 1. Register in the parish with the registration form found online or in the narthex
- 2. Assist at Mass at Prince of Peace at least 75% of all Sundays and Holy Days.
- 3. Contribute financially and by being an active part of parish life
- 4. Use the envelope system to track attendance, even if your financial contribution is by electronic means, if you are ever going to need a letter of good standing. In the future, if an electronic means of check in is provided, that suffices for Mass attendance tracking.

A letter of good standing from Prince of Peace indicates that the records of the parish indicate fulfillment of all requirements for active parishioner status for at least six months. A letter of good standing is necessary for the following:

- 1. to have a baby baptized in any Catholic church
- 2. to serve as a godparent at baptism or sponsor at confirmation in any Catholic church
- 3. to get married in any Catholic church
- 4. to receive the active parishioner discount at Prince of Peace Catholic School

Active members are marked inactive in the rolls of the parish:

- 1. if requested
- 2. if after six months there is no trackable giving or envelope usage

All Catholics aged 18 or older should register under their own name with the parish they consider their spiritual home. Catholics over the age of 18 who consider Prince of Peace their spiritual home, but are under their parents' care and are away at school, military or civil service, should register in the parish and indicate that fact for our records.

Sick, homebound, or shut-in parishioners who are unable to fulfill the requirements for active parishioner status will **not** be marked inactive if they or their families communicate to the parish that they wish to remain active.

Inactive parishioners who may not qualify for a letter of good standing may **always** receive the sacraments of Holy Communion, Penance, Anointing of the Sick, as well as receive ecclesiastical funerals and burials. They will **not** be allowed to receive the sacraments of Baptism or Matrimony, serve as a godparent for Baptism or Confirmation, or receive the parishioner discount in the school, until six months of active parishioner status has been demonstrated.

These policies are almost universal in the United States, where they are a local means of applying certain dispositions of canon law to protect the integrity of the sacramental order. They are part of the ecclesiastical discipline of the Church which expects adult Catholics to be mature and active members of their parish family, indicating a **minimum** level of practice to receive the sacraments.

Please remember that the letter of good standing is not issued based on any particular priest's recollection of your Mass attendance; it is based on 75% Mass attendance each Sunday using the envelope system and recorded by the parish. Some people give weekly, biweekly, monthly, quarterly, or even yearly. The letter of good standing is based, not on the frequency or amount of giving (although that should reflect a mature understanding of biblical principles of stewardship), but on Mass attendance. Now that more and more people are using electronic forms of giving, there has to be a way to track weekly Mass attendance. Right now, the only way to do this is by the use of envelopes.

If you give <u>electronically</u>, you may drop your offertory envelope with a 0-online giving note in the offertory basket when you come. If you forget your envelope, there are some available on the credenzas in the narthex. We have a subcommittee of the parish staff looking into the possibility of **electronic forms of check-in** for Sunday Mass attendance; when we decide on a platform for that, this policy will be updated and the faithful notified.

Sometimes people have specific individual or family situations that mean that one or more four requirements for active parishioner status is not possible or unduly burdensome. If you communicate in a general way to the parish office the reason for that situation, we can notate our records to that effect, so that you will not be rendered inactive if you wish to remain active. If you change your address, email address, or phone number, please notify the parish as soon as possible. If you move away from the parish, then please do so as well.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with these policies. They are not there to make life burdensome. Instead, they are part of that ecclesiastical discipline which is a sign of true communion of heart and mind with your local Church and a maturity of faith measured, not in terms of minimalism, but authentic Catholic practice



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