

Pastor's Message

March 12, 2026

Dear Parish Family,

This weekend, we celebrate Laetare Sunday, a word meaning to rejoice. The color of the vestments for this weekend is rose, which symbolizes that the light of Easter, now just a short time away, penetrates and illuminates our liturgical celebrations this weekend. St. Paul writes in the Second Reading to the Ephesians this weekend: “Brothers and sisters: you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.” This progression from darkness to light is a meaningful way to understand the Lenten Season, moving from darkness and sin to light and grace through repentance and conversion in order to celebrate Easter with all of our hearts. This process is also very much at the heart of the OCIA process, and for those preparing for the celebration of the Easter Sacraments, especially Baptism.

An important part of the Easter Season this year will be the implementation of phase three of the One Parish Planning process, where over a period of three years, which began in 2024 and will conclude in 2027, we move to create one canonical parish with All Saints, St. Martin of Tours, and Sacred Heart—three open worship sites, one canonical Parish. During phase three of this process, we will be answering the question, “Who do we want to become?”

There will be two parts to phase three. First, we will draft a vision statement that captures the essential vision of who the Lord is calling us to become as three diverse worship sites with two schools. Secondly, we will draft concrete initiatives to help us get there. Some initiatives might be realized and implemented in the immediate future, while others might take longer.

We will have many opportunities for the people of God from our three worship sites to participate in this process through phase three Listening Sessions happening in the coming weeks. I will also be working closely with the Parish Family Advisory Council (PFAC) and the Parish Family Leadership Team (PFLT), the two consultative bodies tasked with leading the charge and navigating our Parish Family through the One Parish Planning process.

You can get more information about this three-year process on our Parish website, the electronic Newsletter, or at the Archdiocese of Seattle's website [here](#). Please keep this process in your daily prayers and plan to actively participate in phase three as we explore the all-important question of who God wants us to become.

Blessings and peace,
Fr. Cal