

NW2 Family of Parishes Bulletin note from Fr. John Tonkin

After much prayer and thought, I have decided not to move forward at this time in obtaining parishioner input regarding the draft models of possible Mass times in the NW-2 Family of Parishes. Unfortunately, the collaboration, mutual concern for the Family of Parishes as a whole, and flexibility were just not far enough along to further the Mass discussion at this time. My senses were telling me that this was moving too fast for many; that it would be better for all concerned to apply the brakes; that we can better work on this together after I become pastor on July 1st, get to know the people, parishes, and cultures and you get to know me along with the other two priests in our Family.

My confident hope is that we can temporarily keep the current Mass schedule by securing the assistance of a priest to celebrate one Mass on Sunday mornings. It is not a permanent solution. We need to come together soon after the beginning of July, honestly look at the Mass schedule, and discern the best course of action of how we will be a loving Family whose source and summit is the Eucharist.

I greatly appreciate the time, energy, and passion (the blood, sweat, and tears) that everyone has put into getting us to this point. Our work was not in vain. We have begun the discussion of a matter that will impact each and every person in our Family, and we will be in a good place to resume the discussions in the near future. It was very good to meet, to dialogue, and to pray. I look forward to the day when we journey together as a Family worshipping the Father, through the Son, in the Holy Spirit.

Blessings,

Fr. John