

Dear all:

It is almost Advent season, a new year in the life of our parish is about to begin. Our journey together will certainly be filled with joy and opportunities to show our strength and commitment, not least in a much needed fund rising to repay the 32 000 dollars from our 3 M's Fund which we are investing in the replacement of our old furnace (already out of service as of Nov. 14) and in the repairs of wall and ceiling due to important water leakages. So as you see the practical and financial aspects of parish life are been looked after by our lay leadership.

Of course, the spiritual and pastoral aspects of our life together are -if not equally important- even more important than the building, stain glass windows, pews, etc. So, as part of my responsibilities to planning for the future, I am happy to announce to you that I will call upon our Parish Council to as soon as possible engage in a process of discernment with the aim of securing that by 2030 our parish will count on the pastoral, liturgical, sacramental, and organizational ministry of a part-time, non-stipendiary local associate priest.

Confident in your support for the parish I ask your prayers and your time, treasure, talents and wisdom as we continue our path in the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

Yours in Christ Our Only Redeemer and Saviour

Rev. Julio C. Martin +

Rector

Given in North Sydney on the twenty fifth Sunday after Pentecost 2018
A.D.

Church Roof and interior: We had a large leak in the church which caused damage to our roof and one side of the interior of the church. We have to make repairs to the roof to get us through the winter. Also some of the walls and floor tiles have to be replaced. This work will cost approximately \$32,000. Our contractor advises the church's roof will need to be replaced in 2019.

The Magic of
Christmas
is not in the presents
but in *His* 
presence