



+ April 6-7, 2024

*To the Parishioners of
Holy Redeemer Parish, Vancouver
Our Lady Star of the Sea Mission, Stevenson
St. Thomas of Aquinas Parish, Camas*

Dear Friends,

I am happy to greet all of you in the name of the Risen Lord Jesus!

As archbishop, I have the important responsibility and honor of providing you with ongoing pastoral care and sacramental ministry in your parish community.

Today, I write to inform you that your parish will be entering a time of transition in pastoral leadership beginning July 1, 2024. I am pleased to announce that, after consultation with the Priest Personnel Board, I have appointed Father Thomas Nathe as your pastor and Father Victor John Kurapati as your parochial vicar. Presently, Father Nathe is the pastor at Holy Redeemer Parish in Vancouver. Father Kurapati is from the Diocese of Nellore, India, and will arrive this summer to take up his new assignment in the Archdiocese of Seattle.

These men are wonderful priests who will diligently and faithfully serve you and your parish family. Be assured that they will receive all the necessary support and assistance from the Archdiocese of Seattle to ensure quality pastoral care for your parish family.

At the same time, I want to personally thank Father Raja Savarimuthu, HGN, for his three years of wonderful service and leadership. I ask you to please keep him in your prayers as he moves forward in responding to God's call in his new assignment. Father Raja will be the parochial vicar of Immaculate Conception Parish in Arlington, St. Cecilia Parish in Stanwood, St. John Vianney Mission in Darrington and St. Mary Parish in Marysville.

Times of transition can be challenging, especially as we say goodbye to a familiar presence and welcome new pastoral leaders. However, if embraced in an open and positive way, this can be a time of blessing for the entire parish and the Catholic Church of Western Washington. I am confident that will be the case as you welcome Father Nathe and Father Kurapati to your parish family. As always, I remain,

In The Heart of Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Paul D. Etienne".

Most Rev. Paul D. Etienne, DD, STL
Archbishop of Seattle