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Pastor's Column

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Lent, the Triduum, Resurrection Sunday, and the Great Fifty Days

As most of you know, my Lent was spent at the rectory recovering from back surgery. These weeks were some of the most difficult weeks of my life. It was so because I was attempting to live according to my plans and schedule, and not God's, nor those of the surgeons and the health professionals that were attempting to guide me.

As Lent progressed, I did learn my lessons!

When I "returned" to my duties during Holy Week, the Triduum, it was a most exhilarating and very spiritual experience for me.

Why? Because I saw how everything during this time moved forward without my direct presence in the office and in the Parish.

I was not surprised, but once again, I was amazed and filled with gratitude for this faith-filled community: all of you, the Parishioners, and the Parish Staff!

The word that I use over and over again when describing this Parish to others is "intentionality."

All of you are here because you want to be! You take seriously the responsibilities and duties of being members of this Faith Community.

And each of you, according to your ability, give of your time, talent, and treasure to ensure that St. Thomas More Parish is a vibrant place in which the mission and ministry of Jesus continues for this time and this place!

The details of Lent that came to me from others, and then the Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and Resurrection Sunday Liturgies that I had the privilege to lead were so meaningful!

So many of you were involved...so many of you did so much to make happen what happened. Please know that I am eternally grateful for each of you, and for what you did.

Whatever you may have given in the way of time, talent, and treasure is so appreciated. Know that you warm a Pastor's heart!

As is my custom, I do not mention any names or any committees, organizations, or groups. I have learned over the years when I mention one committee or one name, I miss another committee or name.

You know who you are and what you have done. And I know that you know, that you have done it for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. You have not done what you have done for acknowledgement, glory, praise, or for recognition from the Pastor.

You have given praise and glory to our God. This makes me so proud of you, and it energizes me in my ministry to you.

Let us continue to move through these Great Fifty Days as we celebrate Resurrection Sunday, and look forward to Pentecost!

Fr. Mike