

## Pastor's Column

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### Fr. Karl Bauer

A few months ago, Fr. Jerry Nadine who has been celebrating the morning Mass on Tuesdays, and who would cover for me on some weekend Masses when I needed to be away, informed me that by the end of the year he would retire.

At his age, his supply here was becoming difficult. He said that he would be with us until the end of this year.

So upon hearing this, I began to pray! Where would a priest come from and who would he be who could help us here at St. Thomas More Parish on a regular basis?

I knew that God would provide. And God did!



Fr. Karl Bauer

Last week, Fr. Karl Bauer and I met and talked and he said that he would really like to be a part of our Parish family and help us as needed.

Fr. Karl is a priest of the Archdiocese of New York, and he just retired about a month ago. He made a decision to move to California upon retirement and he is sharing a home in Carlsbad with another priest, Msgr. Frank Pugliese, a military Chaplain.

We are blessed to have Fr. Karl with us. He is a gentle man, has a great spirit, and a good sense of humor!

Because of Fr. Karl's presence, we will now be able to offer Mass, on a regular basis, on Mondays. So beginning on the first Monday in October, we will have morning Mass five days a week, Monday through Friday.

Fr. Karl will be celebrating liturgies during the week and on the weekends as well.

In the meantime, Fr. Jerry will also be with us until the end of the year. We are blessed!

In the weeks ahead, everyone will have the opportunity to meet Fr. Karl. I know that you will welcome him with the STM hospitality for which we are known...

*Fr. Mike*