



**Priest-in-charge  
Report to the vestry for  
Wednesday, April 26, 2023, 7:00PM**

Welcome:

Once again let me say how truly thankful I am for the very warm greetings that were shown to me last week. Thank you very much.

Weeks One and Two:

So much time has been spent on figuring things out. I have made progress in a number of areas—liturgy, church keys, finding a stapler, etc.—but there are still some very big fish to fry. The phone system for example is still a source of confusion, as is the copier, and the alarm system. But I believe all of these will come in time. Don has been very helpful so far.

It has been great getting to know you all, but this too takes time. Please forgive and lapses of memory regarding names and introductory information about which you may have already explained.

Staff Meetings:

I have reinstated the weekly staff meetings each Tuesday at 10:00. My instincts are telling me to limit attendance at these meetings to just the staff. If however there is a significant issue about which you would like to speak to the staff, arrangements can be made.

Lector/EM/Home Visitation Training:

Two sessions (afternoon and evening) to be held on May 11. The trainings will be co-taught by Tim Grant and I. After this, a formal schedule will be generated and circulated.

Prayer List:

It is my plan to transition to a clip-board based approach to maintaining a parish prayer list. The basic idea is that individuals would sign the clipboard (providing key information) from which Karein would then transfer to a master list. The establishment of the list is step one. How to implement the actual prayers will require some discussion/discernment.

Baptism:

The next especially appropriate day for baptism is Pentecost Sunday at which we will be having a service of baptism for my grandson and daughter-in-law and anyone else who may come forward.

For May:

It is my plan to attend as many committee meetings as possible in order to get a feel for details of the parish as a whole. I will be absent on retreat from May 1-May 3, and again for the bi-diocesan clergy conference from May 16-May 18. I look forward to May—perhaps the prettiest month of the year—and all of the new life it brings.

God's peace,

Tom+