



March 11, 2021

Dear Parishioners and Acquaintances in the Diocese and Beyond:

To begin, I thank all those who wished my Dad a Happy 91st Birthday last Thursday. My sister Patricia made her Dad a carrot cake that was enjoyed by all!

Yesterday was a good day for me, one of the best days in a long time. I say that, as it was a day without pain. It was a pleasant surprise to say the least. The four of us, my parents, my sister who drove, and I went down to French Creek for a visit. The main reason was to prepare the papers for the income tax filing. It was an opportunity to also have a visit and see a few parishioners in the library. While visiting, Rosemary helped with the income tax preparation in the office. Stories and laughter were had in the visiting. It was also good to see Rosemary in the office too. You may not know this...back in the early 2000's Rosemary was hired when I was in the parish the first time. She has been working in the parish for many years now and retirement is on the horizon. With my unexpected illness, her retirement will happen, though a little delayed.

The diocese has now appointed Fr. Thomas Chinnappa as an Administrator – Pro Tem to the parish while I am going through this sickness and chemotherapy treatment. Father Thomas will be staying in the rectory and will be present to minister to the parish. He will begin this coming Monday and I know he will be welcomed by an inviting parish community.

In closing, I thank you with appreciation for all the prayers that you are saying, the beautiful cards, the emails and your love and support you are sending to the family and myself.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Mike

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