

Fr. JC's Pastoral Letter

Dear Little Flower Parents and Families,

One of the greatest joys of our parish is seeing our children at Mass. Children belong here. Families belong here. Their presence is a beautiful sign that our Church is alive and that faith is being handed on to another generation.

At the same time, we want to help our children discover that the church (the Mass) is a sacred place where we listen, pray, and encounter Jesus. We kindly ask parents to help children participate as reverently as they are able. If a little one becomes especially restless, talkative, or needs a moment to settle, please feel completely comfortable stepping into the Narthex and returning when ready. There is never any embarrassment in doing so.

We also ask everyone to remember that some members of our parish, especially those with hearing difficulties (and hearing aids), can find it challenging to hear the readings, prayers, and homily when there is prolonged conversation or background noise.

So let us care for one another. Let us welcome our children with love, help them grow in reverence, and make room for every person to hear, pray, and encounter the Lord.

Thank you, parents, for bringing your children to Mass. Keep bringing them. We are grateful they are here, and we are grateful for you.

We are one Little Flower family, learning together how to love Jesus and one another.

Your parish priest,
Fr JC Merino

Supporting the Next Generation of Priests



Seminary formation requires years of education, spiritual direction, and pastoral training, and the cost of forming even one seminarian is significant. When you give to support priestly vocations, you are not simply funding an education. You are investing in the future of the Church. You are helping a young man answer God's call. You are ensuring that our parishes will have priests to celebrate the sacraments, comfort the sick, counsel the struggling, and lead our communities in faith for generations to come.



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