

## PASTOR'S GREETINGS

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Each October we get to recall some important things.

- 1) We live in a beautiful world. The newly cooled temperatures, the blue skies, and the scent and sight of changing leaves all combine to stir that part of us that longs to encounter the Beauty of God. This month, let's keep close to the words of the Book of Daniel: *Everything growing on the earth, bless the Lord; praise and exalt Him above all forever!*
- 2) For Catholics in the U.S., October is "Respect Life Month," a special time for witnessing to the dignity of human life. May we never become "accustomed" to the fact that each year hundreds of thousands of human lives in our country are discarded through abortion, assisted suicide, capital punishment, and neglect. As members of a parish named after the massacred infants of Bethlehem, I believe that you and I are called to be especially attentive to the injustice of abortion. May the Holy Innocents pray for us, for the protection of the unborn, and for all mothers.
- 3) Every October is a month of special devotion to the Rosary. This form of prayer is above all else simply a way to spend time with Mary as she contemplates the works of the Lord in her life. This month, let us be listeners and watchers with Mary and allow her to teach us to hear and see the Lord's work in our life.
- 4) October is also the month of the MLB playoffs. I would appreciate prayers for my San Francisco Giants.

**Fr. Luke**