

**Pastor's Greetings  
September 18, 2022**

Greetings,

A few notes to share with you:

- A goodbye and a hello: a few days ago we said farewell to Fr. Thomas Davenport as he heads back to Rome where he continues with his studies and his teaching. Thank you to Fr. Thomas for his assistance in our parish and for the excellent talk he gave on the harmony of faith and science! Now, this weekend we get to welcome Fr. Gilbert Andama, OP, who will be assisting with parish ministries until late October. Fr. Gilbert is from Kenya and I am so grateful for his help in the parish. Welcome, Fr. Gilbert!
- This weekend we also get to welcome a Food for the Poor, a charitable organization that will be sharing a bit about their work in the world. • At this Sunday's 9am Mass we are resuming the "Family Mass." While children of all ages are always welcome to all of our Masses, I hope that parents and families will feel especially at home at the 9am Mass each Sunday. One of my biggest desires for our parish is that each Mass be filled with parishioners of all ages – and especially with children, which are the sign of a strong and vibrant church.
- Starting next month, our parish is launching a new program called "Daughters of Mary," a monthly gathering for girls in grades 5-8. See this bulletin for more details. Thank you to our parishioner Rosemarie Pomilla for leading this initiative! • Please pray for all involved in our Religious Education program which is resuming its classes starting this week. As always, thank you to Roxanne, Roseann, and all our volunteers who make this most important work possible. Welcome back, students!

Peace,

Fr. Luke