



SAINT JOHN FISHER CHURCH

"LOVE GOD. LOVE ALL PEOPLE. MAKE DISCIPLES."

Solemnity of Christ the King

Dear Parishioners:

On today's Solemnity of Christ the King, we hear in the Gospel that Jesus sees his role as king in a much different way than how Pilate saw it. For Jesus does not see king as ruling over others but as serving them. The only time in the Gospel when we see Jesus talking about kingship is when he was ready to die for us. Earlier in John's Gospel Jesus describes himself as a shepherd. He was a shepherd-king.

The Latin word for shepherd is "pastor." I cherish that word, for I have carried the title of shepherd for over 37 years and have been your shepherd, your pastor, for over 25 years. It is now time for me to pass on that position to someone else. Effective June 30, 2025, I will be retiring as pastor of St. John Fisher Church.

In a few weeks the Archdiocese will be informing the priests that the position of pastor at St. John Fisher Church will be open to all priests who might be interested. They, in turn, would write to Archbishop Gomez, indicating their interest. I have no say as to who my successor will be. This was the case when I came here in the prior millennium. I am preparing a profile of the parish to guide Archbishop Gomez in choosing the right person. His decision will be made known in May.

I am so grateful to you for your friendship, love, and support these past 25+ years. It has been my privilege to serve you as your shepherd. I thank God that he called me to the priesthood. I have not retired from priestly ministry, only pastoral leadership. My ministry will continue until the Lord calls me to my final resting place. Then my remains will be found next to my predecessor, Monsignor Gilb, in the parish columbarium.

Please keep me in your prayers as I will keep you in mine.

Yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor David A. Sork
Pastor