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Dear Parishioners;

So not too long ago I reminded you about the two Northern Catholic Communities of Dease lake and Telegraph Creek, who were able to put to very good use a lot of the extra church stuff that we had once the two communities of Holy Spirit and St. Theresa's were joined into the one community of Corpus Christi.

At the time they took ownership of the pews and altar furniture, we also sent up a crucifix that is now hanging in the church at Dease lake. Well, they have now completed the rebuild at Telegraph Creek and you will recall that I acted on your generosity and told them to go ahead and order a new crucifix for the new church.

Well, it turns out that they have very good taste. And that with the advice and consent of their Bishop, they have picked out a corpus or body of Christ that they feel will speak to their community. So instead of buying one for them, we will make a donation of \$2,000.00 towards the cost. They are going to make their own cross which will save them a considerable amount of money.

And then it turns out that the Patron Saint of the Church at Telegraph Creek is none other than St. Theresa of Lisieux. And we just happen to have a spare statue of St. Theresa that they would love to have to adorn their Church. But wait, there's more.

After Odile Hoffman died, the family came across a medium size statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe that Odile had purchased some time before, and they asked if I could find the statue a place of honour worthy of Mary. And it turns out that the Patron Saint of their Diocese of Whitehorse is Our Lady of Guadalupe, and so we will be packing up both statues and sending them north. I don't doubt that Odile will be well pleased with Mary's new home at Telegraph Creek.

I am sure that you appreciate this opportunity to be generous as much as I do. Being grateful for being able to be generous seems kind of an odd juxtaposition of graces. Usually people are grateful for other people's generosity. But that is how it works sometimes, because God is good.

God has blessed us many times over. And out of God's abundance we are able to choose to reflect God's generosity into another Catholic community, so that they will feel as blessed as we do. And we will have their prayers to help us with the weight of our crosses. So everybody wins.

Speaking of opportunities to be generous, this weekend is Mary's Pantry weekend. The week in the month when we remember the great work of our St. Vincent de Paul and the service of our neighbours in need.

I mentioned before the St. Vincent de Paul initiative for helping people who qualify, with their rent or utilities so that they are able to stay where they are living and so as to avoid the devastating trials of living on the streets, especially as we work our way into another winter.

Now is the time for us to build up a war chest, if you will, to do battle against the homelessness that will be even greater than ever, as we all struggle with this pandemic. This is exactly the types of good works that many are able to accomplish when we pull together what we can afford, so that we are the answer to Jesus' prayers for the least of our sisters and brothers. I came across this prayer for loving service;

Lord Jesus, we are indeed blessed to be able to work in a land that is plentiful and to enjoy the fruits of our labor. May You continue to bless the hands that labor for Your kingdom and the hands that help to feed the poor, the hungry and the homeless. You are the Provider of every good gift, and we acknowledge our dependence upon You. Call many labourers into your kingdom, Father God, as we continue to serve You by serving others, in Jesus' name. Amen.

May God be gracious to us and bless us, now and forever.

Pat Monette/Pastor