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### WHAT WAS IT LIKE BEING ON THE ARCHDIOCESE'S COVID TASK FORCE?

For many of you who read my short bio when I arrived to Topsfield and Middleton, you would have noticed that in my last assignment in South Boston, I volunteered for a Covid task force that brought the sacrament of the sick to those affected with Covid-19. There were 7 clusters that were placed throughout the archdiocese where we lived in small groups or alone and were isolated from the rest of the priests of the Archdiocese. During this time, we were not available for public ministry and so our only ministry was to those affected by Covid-19. The Archdiocese also directed us to not go to public places, even the grocery store. So they arranged to have shoppers get food for us while we were on the team. The person who brought me food is actually a parishioner here and so when she reads this, I say thank you for helping me carry out this ministry!

I was in the Merrimack Valley and in the end, my travels took me from Lowell to Newburyport. As part of our work, we followed the same procedures that the nurses did in the facilities that we entered which involved a face mask, face shield, gown, gloves, sometime a hair net, and a covering for our shoes or disinfecting them afterwards. After a couple of weeks of being on the team, I started to feel like a member of the staff at one of the facilities that I frequently visited. As part of the team's work, there was a New York Times reporter who followed one cluster of priests who ministered primarily in the Metro West area. One of those team members of the NY Times was Fr. Tom MacDonald who many of you remember. If you want to see that story with pictures of what their days were like (which is similar to what most of us on the team experienced), you can read the article here: <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/06/06/us/coronavirus-priests-last-rites.html> or if you have the print version, just Google "NY Times Boston Anointing"

When we look at the works of Jesus, one theme that come across clearly is that Jesus healed a lot of people. The anointing of the sick is a sacrament that brings Christ into the suffering of a sick person to pray for their physical and spiritual healing and for many, it is the last sacrament they will receive before they depart this world to stand before God. Having anointed all types of people over 6+ years of my priesthood, it is always a sad event, but also a great privilege to be with a sick person to bring them Christ in the sacraments. One of the great blessings of this work was that as a team of about 20 priests, we brought the sacrament of the sick to over 1,100 people affected with Covid-19 and not one priest got sick. Praised be God for keeping his priests safe to perform this ministry to the many we were able to serve in these trying times.

Father Karlo

### PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK:

Please join us in praying for the sick members of our parish community: **Angelea, Megan Bytof, Catherine, Charles, Michael Coughlin, Dave, David, David, David, Thaddeus Dubiel, Edward, Elizabeth, Frances, Margaret Jacques, Jonathan, Joseph, Kevin, Maryann, Marie, Matthew, Mary Keohan, Laura Lindsay, Walter Rehak, Dr. Larry Rusin, Séan, Leslie Storey, Tara, Thomas, Ann Turner, Tyler & Sylvia Vacca.**

## EUCCHARISTIC AWE AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Because of the need to reschedule the original dates of the First Holy Communion Masses for our two parishes, the children of our parishes are receiving their First Holy Communion at many different Masses throughout the summer. For some of us, this has been difficult because we have not been able to enjoy a large Mass with all the children and their families dressed up and processing into the church in large numbers. Instead the children and their families are arriving individually to Daily Mass or in small groups of two, three, or five children on Saturday and Sunday afternoons to receive Jesus for the first time. Although things are different, they have actually been quite beautiful. For many of the First Communicants, it has amounted to essentially a private First Communion Mass with their close family and small group of parishioners. For me, it has been a joy to see the children approach the Altar to receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. I have seen their enthusiasm, their faith, and their innocence. It has also allowed us to speak with the children more about how God loves us so much that He wants to actually enter into us in a real way by allowing us to receive Him under the appearance of bread and wine. I noticed in many children the gift of Eucharistic Amazement, which was so evident in one particle child when she came to receive with such devotion and seriousness!!

Having been away from the public celebration of Mass and having celebrated now so many First Holy Communion Masses this summer, I have been reminded of a quote from Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who used to tell priests all the time: "Celebrate this Mass as if it were your "First Mass, your Last Mass, your only Mass!"

The Eucharist is the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, or Jesus Christ Our Lord and God. When we receive the Eucharist, we receive God.

May we always be in amazement at this reality, and may God continue to bless the children of our parishes, that they will always be amazed at the love God has for them - that He gives His very self to them.

Father Dan

### "PRAYER FOR OUR PARISHIONERS AND TEACHERS RETURNING TO SCHOOL THIS ACADEMIC YEAR"

In times long past you sent us your prophets to teach your laws and to bear witness to your undying love. You sent us your Son to teach us by word and example that true wisdom comes from you alone. Send your Spirit upon these students and their teachers and fill them with your wisdom and blessings. Grant that during this academic year they may devote themselves to their studies and share what they have learned from others. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lord our God, in your wisdom and love you surround us with the mysteries of the universe.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, August 9 2020

10:00am @ St. Rose The People of the  
Parishes

11:30am @ St. Agnes Joseph Sousa

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, and the desire to livestream daily Mass, all daily Masses are being temporarily celebrated at St Rose Church.

### Daily Mass - 9:00 am

Monday, August 10 The People of the Parishes

Tuesday, August 11 Adrenne Gill

Wed., August 12 The People of the Parishes

Thurs., August 13 Dr. Norbert Veihdeffer

Friday, August 14 The People of the Parishes

Sat., August 15 Margaret Cooper &  
Gertrude A. Costa

### Sunday, August 16 2020

10:00am @ St. Rose The People of the  
Parishes

11:30am @ St. Agnes The People of the  
Parishes

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## CONGRATULATIONS

To Gabriela Estabrooks and Craig Mannetta, who have been preparing for reception of the Sacraments of Initiation of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist and will receive the Sacraments on August 15th at Saint Rose of Lima Church. All are welcome to attend, or to watch on live stream!

## LIVE STREAM MASSES

Mass is celebrated and can be watched on live stream Monday - Saturday, at 9:00am and Sunday at 10:00am. To access the live stream [agnesandrose.org](http://agnesandrose.org).

## PRAYER REQUESTS

To send Father Dan Hennessey a personal and confidential prayer request, please see our website to fill out prayer request form or go to [agnesandrose.org](http://agnesandrose.org).

## SUMMER CONFESION SCHEDULE

Confessions are on Monday evenings from 6:00pm - 7:00pm and Friday's after daily Mass from 10:00am - 10:30am.

Please see schedule below

Monday's 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

August 10: St Rose

August 17: St Agnes

August 24: St Rose

*This is*  
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**Even in the midst of a global pandemic, service to others remains core to the work of our Church.**

Our COVID response team of priests is anointing the sick in hospitals.

Our priests continue to serve their communities virtually and in-person as allowed.

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Thank you!

**MEET OUR SEMINARIANS**  
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**MR. FERNANDO AYALA WILL BE ORDAINED TO THE PRIESTHOOD IN MAY, 2021**



**MR. FERNANDO AYALA**

**CITY:** SANTA ANA

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**SEMINARY ATTENDING:** OUR LADY OF PROVIDENCE COLLEGE  
SEMINARY

**CLASS YEAR:** THIRD THEOLOGY

**What are some of the factors that led to your decision to enter the seminary and discern the question of a vocation to the priesthood**

Practically, what led me to join the seminary was insecurity. I am from El Salvador and since I came to the United States my plans were to go to college, get my degree in Computer Science and get married. However I felt that I had to do something else. I felt that I had to do something for God. I felt the need to serve God. So I joined an altar servers ministry, as I did back in my country to try to fulfill this feeling but in both cases I felt it wasn't enough. Then a good friend of mine invited me to join a youth group which invitation I accepted. I joined a charismatic youth group which was a good decision because it helped me to re-discover my faith but again I felt it wasn't enough. I knew that I had been avoiding something, this was trying to become a seminarian. For a long while I had tried to "fulfill" this call by lying to myself saying that I couldn't be called to priesthood. This insecurity of knowing or not if I was being called to priesthood was what led to join the seminary, in order to find an answer.

**Who are some of the people who influenced your decision to enter the seminary?**

**What is it about them that assisted you?**

The people who had a big influence in my decision to join the seminary were three humble priests who I liked to address when I felt confused. Also some good friends from a charismatic group I attended to. All of them supported me to try to join the seminary and they encouraged me to do so especially those priests who with their own example were giving me a true testimony of the joy of being a priest.

**What would you say is the role of prayer in the life of a seminarian and what effect does it have on one's ability to see God's call?**

The role of prayer, in both the life of a seminarian and man in discernment is fundamental. Going to mass every day, receiving the sacraments and praying in private and in community, guide us closer to God and by being close to him we can see more clearly his will. By praying we also find peace, peace that is not easily found in another place. And in this praying life we start to think according to God's will and not according to what people would say or what people would think or what problems and sins I have. We start to imitate Christ.

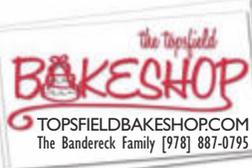
**What advice would you give to a man who thinking about his vocation and is considering that God may be calling him to be a priest?**

Do not be afraid. Do not worry. Look for a good priest to address your questions or doubts. If you haven't started to have a praying life, I recommend you to do so. You are either called to priesthood or called to have an amazing experience in the seminary that would help you to be a good Christian person in your future plans, either getting married, being single or getting a good job.

**What do you like most about being a seminarian?**

The peace in my heart that I am doing something for God and for people and the amazing adventure of discovering a new love, a divine love and a love that has no limits.

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