



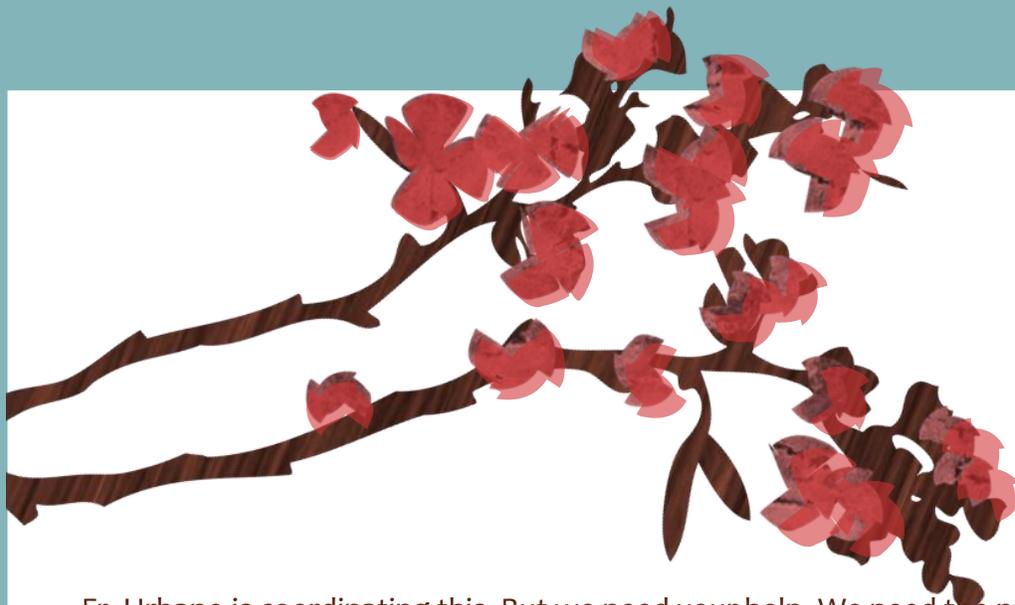
“FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JONATHAN”



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Sometimes I get distracted during the Holy Sacrifice of the mass. Perhaps it happens to you as well. When I realize my mind is wandering I say a prayer like this: "Jesus, I'm going to re-focus now on you; while I'm with you, please take care of..... [Here I insert the name of the person or thing that was distracting me]. Full disclosure: one of my most frequent distractions is looking out on the congregation and wondering how we can reach out to the people in our neighborhood who are not coming to mass. I should not be distracted by this at mass, I know! But empty pews tell us there are people who we need to reach. With this in mind, I would like to initiate an "Evangelization Committee" that would focus on contacting and ministering to no parishioners. We will need all of your creativity and local knowledge of our neighborhood to come up with a good plan. Anyone who would like to be a part of this committee can call the parish office or email me at ILOVEOURPARISH@gmail.com. Another essential aspect of our parish ministry is taking care of the sick and elderly.

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Fr. Urbano is coordinating this. But we need your help. We need the names of people whom you know who are homebound and would like one of the priests, sisters, or lay Eucharistic Ministers to visit their homes and bring them the sacraments. Please take an opportunity this week to call the parish office and give us the names and contact information of anyone you know who is homebound and who would like a pastoral visit at their homes. Finally, although the Wheelchair Lift has been fully installed, we are waiting on the Department of Buildings to give us the final inspection and approval. We hope it will be operational within a couple of weeks.

Have a blessed August!!

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