

My dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

May the Lord give you peace!

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you that our dear Pastor, Fr. Raphael Zwolenkiewicz, OFM Conv., has been ill and is currently under medical care. Fr. Raphael has always been a dedicated shepherd to our cluster community of Our Lady of Grace Church and Transfiguration Church, and now it is our turn to support him with our prayers and love.

While we will respect his privacy and not disclose specific medical details, I want to assure you that he is receiving the best possible care. I have been in communication with him, and he is aware of our community's unwavering support and prayers.

During his absence, I, along with Fr. Kevin Schindler-McGraw, our dedicated Deacons, parish staff and volunteers, will ensure that all parish activities, Masses, and essential services continue without interruption. However, there will be only one priest available for hearing confession during our Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady of Grace Church on Thursday evening and Saturday morning.

We will continue to communicate any significant updates regarding his condition as appropriate and with his permission. The most important thing we can do for Fr. Raphael right now is to join together in fervent prayer for his speedy recovery and the strength of his caregivers.

*Almighty and eternal God, you are the source of all health and healing. Stretch out your right hand over your servant, our Pastor Fr. Raphael, who is sick. Grant him strength in his time of need and a full recovery, that he may soon return to serve your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Luke Vu, OFM Conv.

Parochial Vicar