June 6, 2024

Dear Parishioners,

I want to offer my heartfelt gratitude to all of you for your prayers, input, and suggestions regarding our Sunday Mass schedule.

After careful discernment and extensive consultation, we have concluded that it is in the best interest of our parish to cancel the 6:30 PM Sunday Mass. This decision is based on several key factors:

- 1. **Decreased Attendance**: Months of study have shown a significant decrease in the number of attendees at the 6:30 PM Mass.
- 2. **Effective Use of Parish Resources**: Cancelling this Mass allows us to allocate our resources more efficiently.
- 3. **Addressing Changing Needs**: This change helps us better address the evolving needs of our parish community.

Our regional bishop has approved and authorized this change.

Effective July 1, 2024, the 6:30 pm weekend Mass is cancelled. Sunday, June 30 will be the last 6:30 pm Mass.

For those who need to attend Mass on Sunday evenings, there are two nearby parishes available:

1. St. Paul's Parish, Alliston: 6:00 PM

2. Our Lady of Grace Parish, Aurora: 7:00 PM

We understand that this change may require some adjustments, and we appreciate your understanding and support as we strive to serve our parish community more effectively.

Thank you once again for your continued prayers and support.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. John Pak Pastor Holy Martyrs of Japan Church