

PRIESTLY PEOPLE

We are anointed priest, prophet and king at our baptism.

Since Jesus is the one mediator between God and mankind, we are called to keep His mission alive from generation to generation by carrying on in love for those around us. It is a huge task which draws people to the Lord, so the more successful we are the more we need help to carry on the Lord's mission to bring all back to the Father. We see where the Apostles were overmatched with the growing Church and created the role of DEACON in order to feed their followers bodies while the Apostles fed their souls on the Word of God.

I got a taste of this while I was the "Donut Man" in the early days of St Thomas More Parish. These past few weeks I got a different taste of this by coordinating grocery pick up and deliveries to the elderly, at risk people, who could not leave their homes. It was a blessing to serve in this way. Spiritually I was fed by the people who were aware of their neighbors needs and called St Vincent DePaul and the Knights of Columbus to help. My Dad used to say that "one hand washes the other and they both wash the face".

Saint Peter tells us how God is building a Church from living, precious stones and that we should let ourselves be part of this spiritual structure made up of priestly people. Priestly people who sacrifice and care for others as a witness to God's great love for us all.

"YOU ARE A CHOSEN RACE, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE OF HIS OWN,

SO THAT YOU MAY ANNOUNCE THE PRAISES OF HIM WHO CALLED YOU OUT OF DARKNESS

INTO HIS WONDERFUL LIGHT".

Our Gospel is one that is said at many funeral Masses. It is very reassuring to know that Jesus is preparing a place for us. I will come back again and take you to myself so that where I am you also may be. Now at a funeral many families are comforted by knowing that Jesus will be there to care for their deceased loved ones but those that remain should take the Lord's promise for themselves.

I WILL COME TO CARE FOR YOU AND TAKE YOU TO MYSELF **via the scenic route**

Jesus didn't just say "I got to go – see you later in heaven". No, **He vowed to take us to heaven.**

It is the Holy Spirit that will take us into eternity. He will take us to see the needy in our families that can benefit from our witness of God's love in our lives. A witness that is life changing that leads to conversion. So, when we seek to grow closer to Jesus and we ask Him to bring to our minds that gifts that he has blessed us with and where to use them. we will be following His will to the fullest.