



# Holy Trinity Parish

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Dear Parishioners of Holy Trinity and St. Gregory,

I wish we could have more people at Mass and I hope you are staying safe and healthy. I have been asking God to bless and keep you safe during these difficult and challenging times. Since we cannot have normal attendance at Mass because of the current situation with mixed emotions I wish to use this medium to announce that I will be concluding my pastoral assignment at Holy Trinity and St. Gregory Parishes on Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is because my maximum of ten years contract with the Green Bay Diocese ended on July 1<sup>st</sup> 2020.

On February 28<sup>th</sup> priests from my diocese were informed that our maximum of ten years contract with the Green Bay Diocese would end on July 1<sup>st</sup> 2020. Because of the pandemic we asked the Bishop to extend our stay to December 31<sup>st</sup> so as to get another place to work. I got accepted for a chaplaincy program that begins in September.

The past two years have been an interesting and inspiring experience, as we come together to express our love for God and for one another. I feel elated working with good and loving people like you. I am happy seeing how freely and happily you bring out your time, treasures, and talents to advance the mission of the parishes both on the parish and diocesan levels. As a diocesan priest, I serve at the will of the Bishop, and I accept his decision and hope you will as well.

Fr. Robert Mitchell, a recently retired priest from Orlando, Florida, will be the interim pastor from September 11 until November 22. The Diocese has a plan to name a permanent pastor in the new year. On the weekend of September 5 & 6, Fr. Luke Ferris, the Vicar for Clergy for the Diocese of Green Bay will be here to offer Mass and discuss the plans to continue to provide a priest for St. Gregory and Holy Trinity Parishes.

My hope is that the transition will go smoothly and I pray that Fr. Robert Mitchell will be well received by everybody. I hope you will welcome him and be as nice to him as you were to me. May God continue to shower you with his abundant blessings.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Anthony Ibekwe

*"If we don't share our faith with our children, what will the world share with them instead?  
If we don't pray for them, with them and teach them how to pray,  
where will they turn in difficulty and who will they turn to?"*

—Bishop David L. Ricken