



## Saint Anthony Daniel Catholic Community

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There's no denying that the next few months will be a time of transition for St. Anthony Daniel Parish. Change is challenging for all communities, but especially for ones as established and successful as ours.

As I announced last weekend, Bernadette Furman-Arnott, who has served as Parish Minister here for nearly twenty years, will retire in June. Her work and her tireless devotion to serving God and this community have made a genuine and lasting impact here. We wish her well, and give thanks to God for her and for all that she has done.

Sarah Mounsteven-Bertling, who began her ministry here in the field of sacramental preparation, has been taking on more and more responsibilities over the course of the past few years. It is by God's providence that we have someone already on our Parish Pastoral Team who is ready and willing to take on the position of full-time Parish Minister, which Sarah will do in May.

Finally, it is with a measure of sadness that I inform you that Bishop Crosby has appointed me Pastor of St. Matthew Parish in Oakville, effective June 26, 2019. The three years I have spent here at St. Anthony Daniel have been blessed and joy-filled ones for me, and leaving is not easy, but I trust deeply in God, and I am convinced that he will send me nowhere in life without also meeting me in that place with an abundance of his grace and mercy. All of you should know that apart from ordination itself, having served as your pastor has been the greatest honour of my life thus far. I thank God for all of you, for your prayers, support, and friendship, and for the privilege of having been able to serve here.

I will be succeeded as Pastor here by Fr. Tim Theriault, a dynamic and capable young priest of our diocese and close friend of mine from our seminary days. Knowing that the community I have come to love will be so well-served is a great consolation to me in this time of change. I will always hold the people and intentions of St. Anthony Daniel Parish in my prayers, and I humbly ask that you remember me from time to time in your own.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Allen Varlaki, Pastor

### **Mission Statement**

*St. Anthony Daniel Parish is a welcoming faith community, nourished by prayer, Word, and sacrament, committed to living out the Gospel message of love and service to all God's people.*