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Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

As I announced at the end of Masses last weekend, Jazz Fest is right around the corner. When I visited Jazz Fest a year ago, I enjoyed bragging to some friends that this year I would be pastor of Jazz Fest. Now, I'm very excited to experience for the first time what Jazz Fest is like when you live in the neighborhood! You know much better than I do the congestion and busy-ness that Jazz Fest causes in our neighborhood and how difficult it is to get around for those seven days each year. This is why I have made the decision to continue the practice of condensing our weekend Mass schedule into two Masses on Sunday mornings: 7:30am and 9:00am. Therefore, just like the last several years, there will be no 4pm Mass on Saturdays, nor will there be Mass at 11am or 6pm on those Sundays. I know that for some this will be an inconvenience and a change from your normal routine, but I ask for your patience and understanding.

The presence of Jazz Fest in our neighborhood also gives the opportunity for a very beneficial fundraiser for our parish. The ability to rent out our parking spaces to Jazz Fest patrons brings in money on the order of the fairs that are held in many other parishes. And while Jazz Fest parking is much less work than a parish fair, it does require some volunteer assistance. We have a sign-up sheet in the back of church for those who are willing to help, or you can call the office to schedule a time to volunteer. And don't worry, no one will be asked to drive someone else's car. All customers park and drive away their own cars. The parish will provide drinks and food (cooked by my dad!) for volunteers who join us.

Jazz Fest parking also gives us a chance to invite people to consider joining our community. Our friendly volunteers who help them to park their cars are an image of the love of Christ. And this year, we plan to give out fans with a picture of the sanctuary of our church and our parish website so that people can find out more about our parish. Please spread the word to friends and family members who are coming to Jazz Fest. Invite them to support our parish by parking with us for only \$30.00. And I ask you to pray for good weather so that our fundraiser will be a great success.

Finally, on the topic of fundraisers, this weekend we will begin selling tickets for the parish raffle which will be held during the Thanksgiving Dinner on November 3. You can purchase tickets for \$50 a piece or 3 for \$125. There will be several prizes given away at the Thanksgiving Dinner: 1st prize of \$5,000, 2nd prize of \$1,500, 3rd prize of \$750, and 4th prize of \$250. Please support the parish by buying some chances in the raffle.

To Jesus through Mary,

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