

July 2, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

As we prepare to celebrate Independence Day we call upon Our Lord to send His healing grace upon our church, nation and world. In the midst of the pandemic and civic unrest and violence it is important that we remain committed to Christ and His Church. We pray for Religious Liberty and Freedom and for the preservation of peace and justice.

I want to draw your attention to a prayer of the Church that reflects well the meaning of celebrating our nation's independence. That prayer is the Opening Prayer for the celebration of the Mass on Independence Day which reads as follows: "Father of all nations and ages, we recall the day when our country claimed its place among the family of nations; for what has been achieved we give you thanks, for the work that still remains we ask your help, and as you have called us from many peoples to be one nation, grant that, under your providence, our country may share your blessings with all the people on earth".

A morning Mass to celebrate Independence Day will be offered at Christ the King at 7:30am on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Come and pray for our nation, our families, and world.

In Christ,

Fr. Don Wagner