



Our Lady of the Greenwood Catholic Church

Greetings OLG,

As many of you are aware, immigration has arrived once again as an “issue” in politics. As your pastor, it is important that you know my thoughts on the matter as it applies to our parish.

- In our parish, there is what is perceived as a division of language and culture, predominantly between English and Spanish, but there are others. Many of us who speak Spanish or something besides English as a first language are immigrants from other countries. As your pastor and really just as a human person I love both communities very much and wish there were more ways for us to be together. I believe that if we had opportunities to spend more time together people would discover what I see daily: good people pursuing holiness, seeking sacraments, trying to do their best for their communities and families.
- I am deeply concerned about certain policies that would cause families to be separated, parents to be deported, and to experience unnecessary suffering in a community that already struggles. However, I am not a politician or a very good activist, despite having my own strong opinions against many of these policies. I don't always know what to do, but I do know that I will love and support any member of our parish who struggles and I will advocate for them as I am called to as a priest and a minister of Jesus Christ.
- Which brings me to my final thought and additional prayer opportunity I will be offering. I will be offering a nightly bi-lingual rosary in the church at 8:30pm beginning tonight, January 31st at 8:30pm. After the rosary, I will be available to talk, to hear concerns, to pray for individual needs, and offer whatever assistance I can. The intention of the rosary will be for just immigration reform and for our catholic (universal) parish to continue the journey of seeing each other as God sees us: a community of persons united around the Eucharist, who are each created in his image and likeness and with certain dignity as his precious children.

God Bless,
Fr. Todd

