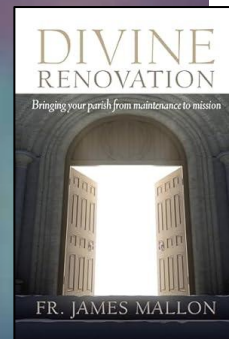
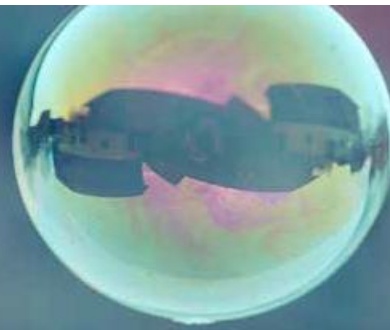


Week 4

CURIOSITY

GOSPEL READING: John 1:35–42 (Calling of the Disciples)



DIVINE RENOVATION BOOK READING: Chapter 5: Laying the Foundation, How to Transform the Culture of the Parish Community (section one, p. 87–122)

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- To start the rebuilding process, one must start with a foundation. Culture is what is truly valued, not only in words but more so in action and inaction. (p. 89)
- The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith — this is a sacred ritual that must be at the core of our ministerial efforts and we must not capitulate to minimalism and convenience. (p. 95–100)
- Create an intentional process to welcome, invite, and encourage people of all ages and backgrounds to experience, learn, live, and share their faith. (p. 101–110)
- Music is an integral part of the liturgy. Love for beautiful music is universal — having diverse types of powerful music enhances the liturgical experience for all. (p. 110–122)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How would the current allocation of time, talent, and treasure describe the culture and values of your parish?
- **Giving priority to the weekend:** Where does the weekend Mass rank on the list of your parish's overall priorities? How does this differ in your own life? How do you make the weekend liturgy celebration special?
- **Hospitality:** What would it feel like for a new person to walk into your parish for the first time? Who would welcome them and how would it feel? How might this differ based on the age, race, or ethnicity of the person?
- **Uplifting music:** How would someone describe the mood of your parish's music? What is the level of diversity in your music ministry? Do people have "full, conscious, and active participation" in the liturgy? Why or why not?

Please join us for any of our small groups (below). You may attend a different one each week as your schedule permits. Free books available at parish offices. Please e-mail parishcollaboration44113@gmail.com to submit your thoughts on this chapter if you can't attend a group.

Sundays

11:00am
St. Malachi
Hall

Mondays

10:00am
St. Malachi
Meeting Room

Tuesdays

6:00pm
Via ZOOM

Wednesdays

6:10pm
St. Patrick – Faith Form.
Conf. Room

Saturdays

8:30am
St. Patrick – Faith Form.
Conf. Room