

## Goodbye My Good Friend

**John 15:15 *"I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made know to you everything that I have heard from my Father."***

I don't think anyone in our parish would argue against the statement that Father Bob's ministry with us was, as one friend to another. I felt he was my friend. I created this website because I knew how important this parish was to Father Bob and while I did not know him as long as many of you, I am deeply saddened that he has passed from us so quickly. I first learned about Father Bob's illness back in early January of this year, as always with me, I try to understand the Lord's plan in all things and hope that perhaps He will do as He did for Hezekiah.

When I think of all the things he did on a daily basis, even though he was afflicted with cancer, and did his duties without complaint, we all should feel a bit sheepish that we do so little in comparison to our dearly beloved and late pastor - such an odd term "late" since he was never late in offering the daily Mass, and he wasn't late to Tuesday devotions, and he did so much for this parish his shoes will be hard to fill!

I have to say this, I remember one Tuesday devotion when Father Bob was particularly sad at how few people came, even though many of the parishioners are retired. When I saw so many at this past Tuesday's Vigil (November 29, 2011) it saddened me that at his passing he finally got his wish for a service filled with people for a Devotion he performed lovingly every Tuesday. It seems we all like to think we have faith and yet I along with many others cannot help but ask what more can God do in sending witnesses to us before we convert ourselves to seeking Him?

Maybe it is time too to realize how little we all do for the parish, though we are many.

Good bye Father Bob and thank you!