

**A Word from the
Pastor
August 28, 2020**



I regret to inform you of the death of **Fr. James Burson, CJM**. He died on Tuesday, August 25 at Tri City Hospital. He had developed pneumonia and he was not strong enough to fight it off.

Fr. Jim was born in 1934 and was ordained a Eudist priest on March 9, 1963. For many years he served as the librarian of Cardinal Dougherty High School in Buffalo, NY. When the school closed in 1979, Fr. Burson remained in Buffalo for several years and then transferred to Mowata, Louisiana where he served as pastor of the local parish. He was well-known for creating an adoration chapel and promoting Eucharistic adoration. When he came to San Diego, he lived and worked with Fr. Bill Rowland who was the pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish San Diego. A few years after the Eudists came to St. Patrick's, Fr. Jim made the move to Carlsbad. He helped with Masses and confessions even while living at Las Villas assisted living facility. He may be best known in our parish for the wonderful Mardi Gras celebrations.

A parish funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, September 5, at 10:00 am. I will preside and Fr. Bill will give the homily. It will take place on the covered court of the school. Please join the Eudist Fathers in praying for the repose of Fr. Burson's soul. May he rest in peace.

In one Heart,
Fr. Ron

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