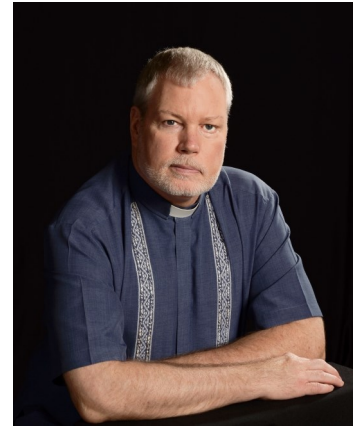


From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the result of a recent medical checkup that I underwent this past July, I learned that a very minor case of arrhythmia in my heart called “atrial fibrillation” had begun to increase slightly. Basically, my heart valve is fluttering a bit when it opens and closes. My primary-care physician had me see a cardiologist at Overlake Medical Center to get a clearer idea of the problem, and after a couple of different tests the cardiologist recommended that I undergo a heart operation called a “catheter ablation” that he is confident will correct the problem and restore the normal rhythm in my heartbeat. This procedure will basically involve a rewiring of my heart so that the electrical signals that open and close the heart valve can be restored to better accuracy and consistency.

This procedure is actually relatively common and has a very high rate of success and effectiveness. Risks are low and recuperation is generally quick and easy. I am due to undergo the catheter ablation in about a month from now—Friday, September 25th, to be exact. There are a couple of other preliminary tests and steps I must also undergo, and these will take place in early September.

I will keep you posted as to how things are proceeding. The problem is serious enough not to be avoided or put off, but simple and safe enough to leave me very confident about the result and the benefits it will bring me. Please keep me in your prayers, as I know you will.

Thank you!

Fr. Kevin