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Dear parishioners,

This past week while reviewing some items in the Catholic media, I came across some very powerful words from Archbishop Joseph Gomez of Los Angeles, who also currently serves as the President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, in guiding the faithful regarding the recent Synod on Synodality:

“We cannot stress this enough: our lives find their meaning and purpose in Jesus Christ. Nothing else explains who we are, why we are alive, and what we should be living for.”

These sentiments tie into my own message during the homily last weekend. We all need to be centered on our relationship to our Lord Jesus, and the call to conversion that is rooted in our own baptism. Again, we can so easily and dangerously be tugged and pulled away from God’s ways, very often by external situations. We must turn to Jesus, strengthened by the grace of the sacraments and the mission of the Church, to keep us properly oriented to God’s holy will.

Our lives have very important temporal components. We have the same reality in our parish. Stewardship of our temporal resources, maintenance of buildings and property, and oversight of other financial matters are key and common parts of parish life. However, this is all in service to the overarching spiritual mission, namely the salvation of souls.

Jesus looks upon us with love. May we never turn away from Him.

All the way – to God’s embrace.

Sincerely,

Fr. Lavorgna