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St. Anthony of Padua Church

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January 21-22, 2017
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

I write to you this weekend for your prayers and for an important personal intention.

As many of you know, over the holidays I was hospitalized for an appendectomy. Subsequent to the surgery an infection required me to return to the hospital. During the treatment for the infection and unrelated to anything concerning it or the appendectomy, my medical team discovered growths on my pancreas and liver. After a biopsy on Monday, I was diagnosed with stage IV pancreatic cancer. This week I will begin a program of chemotherapy in the hopes of slowing the growth and spread of this disease.

Father James Greenfield, Oblate Provincial, has asked my brother Oblates to pray through the intercession of Blessed Louis Brisson, our Founder, for a miracle. I invite you to join in this prayer.

*Lord Jesus, who has told us, "Ask and you shall receive."
We address our prayer to you through the intercession of your priest,
Blessed Louis Brisson.*

*Attentive to the signs of the times and in obedience to your will,
he founded the double family of the Oblate Sisters and the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales.
Confident in your providence and joyful in hope, he knew as a good father,
how to make himself all things to all people.*

*Grant us, through his intercession, the favors we ask of you,
especially the healing of Father Nick Waseline, OSFS.*

*May holy Church rejoice in glorying
this founder and priest after your own heart
who gave himself totally to your love.*

Amen.

In light of this difficult news, I am maintaining good spirits. I expect that, at times, I will need to slow down a bit during the chemotherapy sessions, yet it is my intention to serve you as pastor as long as I am able to serve you well. In the words of St. Francis de Sales may we all "be who we are and be that well."

I am grateful for your prayers.

Sincerely,

Father Nicholas R. Waseline, OSFS