

## A Pastoral Note on Today's Homily

## "Going the Distance"

Greetings Saints, I want to take a moment and drop you a pastoral note about today's homily, "Going the Distance". I want to make sure that you are clear that I take no political position from the pulpit on any candidate. I always encourage all of our parishioners to think and pray and pray again and then vote you conscience as you discern it. Vote your truth. On all sides of the political spectrum today we are surrounded with experts that are skilled spin doctors and truth benders. Subtly manipulating facts and ideas so that sometimes, discerning the truth is difficult, but I encourage you now to take the time necessary for you to be clear about "what the Spirit is saying to God's people" and then vote the way your heart tells you. We are asked in Romans today...not to pass judgement on one another, and this is indeed good advice. As we always say, Canku Ota...there are many paths, there are many way to the Creator and all are to be respected. As are the many and varied choices that present themselves before us as we proceed to discerning our future leaders. All choices are to be respected and honored. This will always be so at All Saints where diversity of thought and ideas is welcomed and encouraged. Where all perspectives and opinions have a safe and welcoming place to be heard.

Blessings on this Sunday Saints.

Respectfully,

Father Joe



