

Good morning,

I am honored that Bishop Taylor has appointed me as pastor of St. Edward (Texarkana), St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Ashdown), Sacred Heart (Foreman). This was made effective Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup> 2020.

First, I want to say that I have been praying for your parish since the passing of Fr. West on March 8<sup>th</sup>. I cannot imagine the extent of your grief like especially with the suspension of public Masses during this time of COVID-19.

I feel a brief introduction is necessary especially since we will not be able to meet each other in a typical way during these times. My name is Fr. William Burmester. I was ordained in 2017 and I am currently pastor of St. Louis (Camden) and Immaculate Heart of Mary (Magnolia). I am excited to get to know you and minister to you. I hope to find opportunities to let you know who I am in the near future.

I will be pastor of five parishes and Fr. Desam will be the associate pastor. Five parishes is a lot of responsibility but with God's help and your support all things are possible. Please keep Fr. Desam and me in your prayers as we keep you in ours.

With Christ,

Fr. William Burmester