



Looking Out My Window, September 30, 2021

Frank Beamer, when head football coach at Virginia Tech, once described the speed of an opposing defense in his typically unique way. "Their blurs are more blurry than most blurs."

The pace of life's events can feel that way. "Their blurs are more blurry than most blurs." Being your interim rector also can feel that way. My lists of tasks and people keep getting longer each day. My electronic planner already is asking for a sabbatical.

However, I must confess, I do love being here and gearing up for the challenges. Like a major league hitter, I can time a 95 mile per hour fast ball after a couple of foul balls. There will be the occasional strike out and the occasional pop up, but I hope to get on base at a respectable rate. Curve balls and sliders will sometimes get me out but not always.

As a rhythm person, finding a weekly rhythm that syncs with life at Christ Church and life in Valdosta will be crucial. Here's my best thinking about schedule at this point. When it changes, I'll send up a flare.

Monday—office most of the day getting a jump on the week's challenges.

Evening—visits and meetings

Tuesday—Office closed. At the rectory studying and preparing for Sunday.

Evening—visits and meetings

Wednesday-Thursday—Office in the AM. Out and about in the community.

Wed Evening—visits and meetings. Thur. Evening—at home.

Friday—Day off

Saturday—1/2 day off, morning or afternoon, depending on schedule demands.

Sunday—Worship in the mornings and visits/meetings in the afternoon and evening.

In summary—5.5 days of work with 1.5 days off and four evenings for meetings and visits. Obviously, schedule flexes in response to needs and seasonal events. Off days can be taken later as comp days for surgeries, weddings, funerals, or other emergencies.

One more thing—I'm overdosed on solitude as a single person with a year and a half of COVID in the rear-view mirror. Please feel free to drop by the office. If you miss me, email or call for an appointment. And, I welcome meetings for coffee or lunch and enjoy home visits as well.

God's peace,

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