

Liturgy Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 3, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Dan Morris, Mary Lou Caldwell, Cecilia Chang, Mary Ellen Hennig, Mabel Hoffman, Janice LaMotte, Dick Sherman, Totsie Taylor

Absent: Ed Johnson, Tom Kemnitz, Cynthia Rohrs-Carter

Prayer/Liturgy:

Feb. 3 was the feast of St. Blaise, and a prayer from that liturgy was read, followed by the blessing of throats of those who wished.

Minutes:

Minutes were approved. Comments made over items in last month's minutes:

Parish Reconciliation is scheduled for Friday, April 3 (Friday before Good Friday).

Soup Supper: Mabel is coordinating the soup supper on Friday, April 3, at 5:30 p.m. (before the parish reconciliation). Several different meatless soups and bread will be served. Last year, about 40 to 50 people attended.

Little Black Books, Little White Books: It was decided to order 150 black books for Lent and 100 white books for Easter to keep the cost of shipping at \$30.

Hospitality: Janice has asked for more help to prepare and serve the food/drink when there is hospitality in the community center after Sunday Masses. Mabel is heading up the social committee, and is asking for more volunteers to serve on this committee.

Guadalupe and Simbang Gabi: These two liturgies, which take place in December, are not planned by the liturgy committee, but by the respective groups involved. Dan will work directly with them to help coordinate.

Ash Wednesday:

Ash Wednesday is on February 25th. Masses will be at 6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. (Note: there is no Tuesday evening Mass - not a Holy Day). Interestingly, Ash Wednesday is one of the best-attended liturgies during the year.

Communication of Scheduling Information:

A flyer with Lenten/Easter scheduling will be in the bulletin, and also in a mailer sent to all parishioners.

Suggestion: to have Ash Wednesday scheduling on a large sign visible from the street. Have posters put on the side bulletin board. Possibly make a new kiosk in the front of church with timely postings. Possibly have Lenten information posted in the local newspapers (Cupertino Courier and Sunnyvale Sun). Refer this matter to the Communications Committee.

Distribution of Ashes:

Totsie has plenty of old palms to make ashes. However, an article will go into the bulletin asking people to drop their old palms into baskets provided. Use the round table with a white cloth, topped by a purple cloth, to have enough space for all the dishes of ashes, etc. The holy water container will be needed to bless the ashes. Have cleansing towelettes available for ministers. The ashes will be blessed at every Mass that day.

There is no penitential rite on Ash Wednesday. The school will do the music for the 9 a.m. Mass. Donna Brock will get lectors for the 9 a.m. Mass through Dick Sherman. The 11:00 choir will sing at the 7 p.m. Mass.

Mary Lou Caldwell and Dick Sherman are scheduling ministers for all the Ash Wednesday Masses.

Suggestion: that Dan have the short prayer, used by the ministers when giving out ashes, on small pieces of paper, available for them. Also, the prayer can be e-mailed to the ministers beforehand.

Ashes for the homebound are available for the pastoral ministers (ashes put into small jars with lids). Contact Father Peter and Marlene Penney.

Stations of the Cross:

Stations of the Cross will be on all the Fridays of Lent except March 13 (St. Patrick's celebration), and April 3 (parish reconciliation). Dates for Stations are: February 27, March 6, 20, 27. Leaders for the Stations are not yet determined, but it seems like there should be no problem covering them, with Father Greg, Father Chady and young adults, Knights of Columbus, RCIA with possibly Deacon Allen, and possibly Father Peter.

Lent:

Environment:

Environment will be done on Monday, February 23rd.

Bare branches with purple drapes

Possibly cacti

Purple drape behind corpus of big cross

Purple banner on the right side of wall in sanctuary

Large bare tree with purple drape on left side of sanctuary

Overtured jug with purple cloth in front of altar

Large cross in vestibule with purple drape

Large cross outside on front lawn with purple drape
Baptismal font should retain water, but have a purple drape/ribbon with possibly bare branches surrounding it. (The idea of finding a donor to buy a new baptismal font was discussed.)

Giving Out Stones/ Nails, etc.

Giving out stones or square nails on Ash Wednesday or the First Sunday of Lent was briefly discussed. The idea is to provide people with a symbol to keep throughout Lent to remind them of Lent, reforming their lives, making sacrifices, and the love of Christ during His Passion.

Lenten Entrance Procession:

It was decided that presiders should process in from the front of church as usual.

RCIA Masses - Cycle A:

Dan will ask Father Greg about alternate gospel readings with multiple readers for the Sunday Masses when Cycle A is used (RCIA).

RCIA will be at the 9:30 Mass on March 15, and that music group is willing to prepare the musical setting for the gospel, if desired.

The gospel reading for Third Sunday of Lent, March 15, is the Woman at the Well (possible musical response during gospel: "Give us living water.")

The gospel reading for Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 22, is the Man Born Blind (possible musical response during gospel: "I once was blind but now I see.")

The gospel reading for Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 29, is the Raising of Lazarus (possible musical response during gospel: "Take the stone away, come out.")

Penitential Rite:

Each presider will decide whether to ask people to kneel for the penitential rite. The sung penitential rite can be done by either the presider or the cantor/choir.

Good Friday:

Dan will find out if Father Chady plans to do a Taize service on Good Friday evening. The time needs to be planned with Totsie and the environment crew who need to start changing the environment as soon as the service is over.

Ministry Formation:

Janice and Dan reported on a new and different approach to recruiting and training ministers. The approach is still in the "idea" stage, and is being planned on a diocesan or deanery level. The effort is to provide on-going growth in the ministries, rather than just a one-time training. There are several different categories or aspects to ministries in the church: catechetical, pastoral, and liturgical. There are various components involved in training people in each ministry: relational, educational, and ...

There are plans to develop surveys/interviews to help people decide which ministry is best for them, according to their skills and interests. Various other resources for training are being researched (even on-line training). There is a plan to commission people who enter a ministry, and to re-commission them each year, in order to emphasize the commitment they make. There is a plan to have mentors to assist new ministers in their work. There are other opportunities for training in church ministry, such as ILM, and other classes.

Miscellaneous:

Announcements at Mass:

Any announcements at Mass about someone who is sick or who has died need to be requested of Father Greg, by a family member.

People cannot arbitrarily put someone's name on that list for prayers, or have announcements made regarding funeral services, etc.

Next Meeting:

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory.

Please let Dan know of any items you would like on the agenda.

Good idea: bring your Sourcebook