

# Liturgy Committee Meeting

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

## Attendance:

Dan Morris, Cecilia Chang, Mary Ellen Hennig, Tom Kemnitz,  
Cynthia Rohrs-Carter

Absent: Mary Lou Caldwell, Mabel Hoffman, Ed Johnson,  
Janice LaMotte, Dick Sherman, Totsie Taylor

## Prayer:

Lenten prayer

## Minutes:

The following comments were made about last month's minutes:

### 1. Ash Wednesday - Number of people in attendance at Mass:

6:30 Mass - 50 people

9:00 Mass - 500 people (includes school children)

12:15 Mass - 225 people

7:00 p.m. Mass - 550 people (overflow)

Note: ashes were distributed at the end of Mass, and people were invited to depart after they had received their ashes.

### 2. Stations of the Cross

March 6 - Father Chady and young adults

March 13 - St. Patrick's celebration - no stations

March 20 - Janice, Deacon Allen (family oriented service)

March 27 - Father Greg

### 3. RCIA (Cycle A Masses) will not have the special gospel settings with extra readers and musical refrains. They will be at the 9:30 Mass on March 15, Saturday at 5 p.m. on March 22, Sunday at 5 p.m. on March 29.

### 4. Soup Supper (5:30) and Parish Reconciliation (7:00) on April 3

Suggestion to put article into bulletin asking people to RSVP for soup supper.

Since the Parish Mission will be on March 23, 24, 25, and there will be reconciliation every night of the mission, the question was raised if that will affect the number of those coming to parish reconciliation on April 3.

### 5. Parish Mission led by Father Shawn Aaron L.C. (Legionaries of Christ).

May need musician/s for those Masses at 7:00 p.m. on March 23,24,25 (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday).

## Palm Sunday:

1. **Environment:** large palms, red drapes  
Suggestion: to add something to the large plain purple banner on right of sanctuary wall, to add some interest - maybe do this for all Sundays of Lent.
2. **Procession with Palms:** Palms will be blessed inside the church except for the 9:30 Mass, which will begin outside, weather permitting.  
Will use cordless microphone with portable speaker outside.  
9:30 Mass needs guitarist to help singers outside - Dan will ask Tom Kritzer.
3. **Mass:** no penitential rite  
9:30 Mass will have focus on children, will use children's lectionary with no second reading and shortened gospel of the Passion of Christ.  
Other Masses: need rehearsal for readers of gospel.  
Suggestion: end Mass with silence or a simple "Jesus, Remember Me".

## Holy Thursday:

1. Father Peter will preside.
2. **Holy oils** will be processed in (blessed previous week at cathedral Mass).  
Tom and Lydia Kemnitz will be present at the cathedral Mass to receive the holy oils. Holy oils are for pastoral care/sick, the catechumenate, and baptism and confirmation.
3. **Washing of feet:** suggestion to have pre-determined group of 12 people, and not to invite additional people to come up at the Mass.  
Totsie usually asks for representatives from various groups of the parish.  
Suggestion: add youth and young adult groups, and hospital ministry (Robin), other groups? Suggestion: no little children.  
Use two long benches (which will seat 10), and add the two short stools from the sacristy hallway to seat 2 more. Have the benches and stools in place before Mass begins.  
Use 12 hand towels (bath towels are not necessary). Can buy them inexpensively at Costco.  
Have the pitchers of water in readiness before Mass. Will probably need 6 pitchers. Fill them from the janitor's closet in the sacristy with hot. It will cool off while it sits. Put the pitchers in the sanctuary behind the choir - for easy accessibility.  
Our deacons and seminarian can help with this ceremony.  
Have ushers remove the benches/stools at the end of the ceremony.
4. **Procession to Altar of Repose:** At the end of Mass, all the people and priest carrying the Blessed Sacrament process to the hall. Choir will hold vigil candles and be positioned along the way, singing "Jesus, Remember Me". In the past, there were timing problems, so it was suggested that a choir member be assigned to signal Dan when all the people are in the hall and all the choir members have come in, too. It was suggested that the choir then sing the entire "Pange Linga" (page 114 in Breaking Bread). It has 4 verses, followed by the "Tantum Ergo". This can be printed on the worship aid for Holy Thursday.  
Note: remember to put key into tabernacle of altar of repose.

## **Good Friday:**

1. Father Chady will preside.
2. **Environment:** church will be stripped of all decor for Good Friday. Corpus of large crucifix will be covered by red cloth. (Question was raised about the reason for this - Dan will research it.)
3. **Noon-time (12:15) meditations:** Father Paul Soukup has been asked to do this. Still waiting for response.
4. **Rehearsal for gospel readers:** Dan is in charge of this. Script will be exactly as it is printed in Breaking Bread.
5. **Veneration of the Cross:** The presider will carry in a large cross from the vestibule of the church, covered with a red cloth. Three times, he sings, "Behold the wood of the cross on which hung the Savior of the world." The people respond, "Come, let us adore."  
Large cross is positioned at the bottom step of the sanctuary, held by two assistants. Presider explains how to proceed with veneration of the cross. It should be suggested that more than one person at a time approach the cross for veneration. Also, it may be mentioned that people take "a moment" to make a gesture of reverence, such as a genuflection, touch, kiss, etc. In the past, this procession has moved very slowly. It should also be mentioned that the cross will remain in place after the service for anyone who wishes to spend a longer time in venerating the cross.
6. **Holy Communion Service:** There is no "Lamb of God", but the presider does say: "This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, Happy are those who are called to His supper." People respond: "Lord, I am not worthy..."  
After communion, a period of silence may be observed. Following the final prayer, all depart in silence. The altar is stripped at a convenient time.
7. **Taize Service at 6:45 p.m.:** Dan will check with Father Chady about this. Again, as described above, there should be clear instructions about how the procession to venerate the cross should proceed. Immediately after the service, a crew will come in to begin Easter decorations.

### **Easter Vigil & Easter:**

1. Father Greg, Janice, and Dan work on/plan the Easter vigil.
2. **Environment:** lilies, white/gold cloths and drapes
3. **Sprinkling:** On Easter Sunday, it will be done after the profession of faith. On the Sundays after Easter, it will be done during the Gloria.
4. **Music:** suggested to repeat the "Alleluia" after the gospel.  
Be sure to wait for the presider's final words, "The Gospel of the Lord," and the people's response, "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ," before coming in with the music.

### **Divine Mercy Sunday & Dominica in albis**

is on the Sunday after Easter, **April 19<sup>th</sup>**.

More information about this feast day is in the sourcebook, pp. 174-176. Dan will ask Father Greg if an explanatory **flyer** can be put into the bulletin, as we did last year.

Suggestion: to have the large **Divine Mercy picture** (which is now in the chapel) **processed in** at the beginning of each Mass along with the entrance procession, and placed in a special position in the sanctuary.

Mary Ellen and Cecilia suggested that the Rosary Group may be interested in helping with this.

Also on this Sunday is "**Dominica in albis**" (Sunday in albs), when the newly baptized wear their white garments and place an "Agnus Dei" made of white wax on their necks, to remind them of the innocence they received in Baptism, and also of the meekness of Christ, the Lamb of God. A special place can be reserved for them to sit, and a special petition be offered for them at prayers of the faithful. Possibly, have a special ceremony for them right after communion. Hospitality can follow that Mass for them.

### **Miscellaneous:**

#### **Holy Communion to the sick and homebound:**

No communion may be taken on Holy Saturday.

Pastoral ministers take hosts from the small tabernacle in the little chapel on the second floor of the rectory. Suggestion - that these hosts be kept fresh. Father Peter is in charge of it.

### **Next Meeting:**

**Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 7 p.m.**

**We want to meet before Holy Week.**

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

**Suggestion: bring your sourcebook - contains a wealth of ideas and information.**