

Liturgy Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 3, 2009; 7:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Dan Morris, Mary Ellen Hennig, Ed Johnson, Cynthia Rohrs-Carter,
Dick Sherman, Totsie Taylor

Absent: Mary Lou Caldwell, Cecilia Chang, Tom Kemnitz, Janice LaMotte

Prayer:

"Autumn"

Minutes:

The minutes from the last meeting on October 6 were reviewed and approved.

Points from Minutes that were further discussed:

1. **All Saints Day and All Souls Day**

Father Greg wanted to keep emphasis on the traditional idea of the saints in heaven for Sunday, All Saints Day. Thus, the display with pictures of the deceased and the tolling of bells after the reading of their names has been delayed. The picture display will go up some time this coming week.

The reading of the names could happen, possibly, on **Sunday, November 15.** Dan will ask Father Greg about doing this.

Dick Sherman needs the **list of names** from Totsie, with phonetic pronunciation for any difficult names.

The **readings** for that Mass are appropriate - Daniel 12, "everyone who is found written in the book... those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake..."

Psalm 16, "You will not abandon my soul to the netherworld... You will show me the path to life, fullness of joys in your presence..."

Mark 13:24-32, "and then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds..."

The **envelopes from the vase were stolen** on Tuesday, Nov. 2. We will have to ask the daily Mass ministers to put the vase out for Mass and bring it back into the sacristy after Mass.

The **large book with the names of the deceased** from our parish needs to be protected somehow from people writing in other names. Dan plans to get a decorative box, such as a shadow-box, to put it in.

It was suggested that **another book/binder be provided on a table** in the sanctuary for people to write in the names of their beloved deceased.

2. **Eucharistic Ministers**

The issue of if/when the **ciborium of extra hosts** should be brought out of the chapel for Sunday Mass was discussed again. Dan will bring this matter to the attention of Father Greg and the other presiders, and will let Mary Lou and the

Eucharistic ministers know what the policy is. Mary Lou may want to revise the packet given to the Eucharistic ministers.

The matter of **extra Eucharistic ministers** now, during flu season, was discussed again, with mention of the various other functions they can carry out if they do not have a regular "station".

3. **Use of Processional Candles on Major Feast Days:**

Totsie and Dan will look into the **repair of our processional candles** to possibly be used on major feast days (Christmas). Other ideas included using 100% beeswax candles to slow down the rate of burning, using oil lamps, or using electric votive lights. The servers could carry them for the **entrance** procession and also go back and meet the **offertory** group and accompany them up with the candles, too.

The servers will need to be trained.

Dan will meet with Father Greg and Totsie about this.

4. **Crying/Disruptive Children at Mass:**

This issue was discussed again. The following suggestions were reaffirmed:

a. Put a **large, permanent sign** saying "Children's Room" either on or above the door of the cry room.

b. **Let people know it is there** - perhaps an article in the bulletin.

c. Put some **balloons near the door**, or something to draw attention to it.

d. Make the room more inviting by **taking out the pews**, installing **cushy carpet**.

e. The bride's room is not appropriate because it is next to the stairwell.

The choir loft is impossible to use for this purpose because of expensive organ organ equipment, only one exit, the stairwell, and the fire marshall's order that only 6 people be allowed at any time.

f. **Ushers or special people be trained** to gently help parents with crying children.

g. Dan will look online for **guidelines** for parents with small children.

5. **Advent - Little Blue Books:**

An article has already gone into the bulletin about the little blue books.

Totsie asked Mary Ellen to help sell them after daily Masses (any time in November).

The cost is **\$2.00 per book**. The extra money generated will go towards the purchase/shipping/handling of the next books for Lent/Easter.

We plan to sell them after weekend Masses on November 14/15, and 21/22.

6. **Emergency Procedures at Mass:**

Dan will follow up on this matter which was discussed at the October meeting, to **draw up and distribute emergency procedures** to all involved (presiders and ministers) for future reference.

Note: if Dan needs to be summoned on an emergency basis during a weekend Mass, there is a **baby monitor inside the sound closet** in the sacristy, and one need only speak directly into it, and he will hear from where he is in the rectory.

7. **Congregation's Ability to Hear During Daily Masses:**

Several people have mentioned again the difficulty/impossibility to hear either the presider or the lectors during daily Mass. This is particularly true of the people sitting in the right section of the main part of the church.

It is really impossible to hear when the blower is on directly above the baptismal font. Ability to hear the presider varies according to where he stands, & his ability to project. Few, if any, of the daily Mass lectors project sufficiently to be heard there. There are usually between 50 and 80 people at daily Mass. An historical note: Father Bob Hayes used to wear a mic during the daily Masses.

Ideas to help resolve the problem:

- a. Move the daily Masses to the main part of the church.
- b. Use the microphone system: would involve extra set-up and take-down time, including the presider's clip-on mic, and the cordless mic for the lector.

Dan will discuss the matter with Father Greg.

8. Sending Forth of Communion Ministers for the Sick:

This matter was brought up again, and it was agreed that the practice of the presider calling up those who take Communion to the sick and homebound at the end of Mass, to hand them their pyx with a blessing, was something we would like to have here at SJC. This would give visibility to an important pastoral ministry, and emphasize the unity of us all, including those who are not able to attend Mass.

Dan will speak to Father Greg about possibly instituting this practice.

Update on Roman Missal:

Dan attended the Liturgical Commission meeting for the diocese.

There is also an article in the Valley Catholic by Diana Macalintal, Director of Worship, about the upcoming changes in the text for Mass. The changes involve going back to more accurate translations of scripture. Dan gave out a hardcopy explanation of the changes, and referred to a website for more information:

usccb.org/romanmissal/

Communication between the Vatican and the U.S. bishops is continuing.

It is expected that the final text will be approved, and be implemented by Advent 2011 (or possibly earlier).

Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 26:

Thanksgiving Mass will be at 9 a.m. The "9:30 folk group" will take care of the music. An article should go into the bulletin a few weeks prior, telling people that they may bring the bread and wine for their own dinners to be blessed at the end of Mass.

Parish Reconciliation, Thursday, December 3:

There will be a need for one lector.

Advertising several weeks in advance needs to be done, to encourage people to come.

Feast of Immaculate Conception, Tuesday, December 8:

December 7, Monday (vigil): Mass will be 7:00 p.m.

December 8; 6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 7:00 p.m.

Dick Sherman will schedule lectors for these Masses.

The school children will take care of the music for the 9:00 Mass.

Christmas:

Schedule of Masses:

Christmas Eve: 4, 6, 8, 10 p.m. No Mass in Hall. Mass at 4 for families with small children.

Christmas Day: regular Mass schedule: 8, 9:30, 11. No evening Mass.

Dan and Totsie will coordinate the dates/times for decorating the church.

Dan will let Dick Sherman know which Masses do not need regular lectors (children's).

Dan will let Dick know which readings are to be used for each Mass.

Other Ideas for Christmas:

a. Put big sign outside church advertising the times of the Masses.

b. Possibly put an article into the Cupertino Courier with the Christmas Mass schedule. Dan will look into the cost for this, and if it's feasible.

Post-Christmas Feasts:

a. December 27 - Feast of the Holy Family:

Put extra candles by the statue of the Holy Family by the piano.

Remind servers to extinguish them after 11:00 Mass and both 5:00 Masses.

b. January 1 - New Year & Solemnity of Mary: It is not a holy day of obligation.

Only one Mass, at 10 a.m. The "9:30 folk group" will take care of the music.

Lectors and Eucharistic ministers will be needed.

(Question: when will new calendars be handed out?)

c. January 3 - Epiphany:

d. January 10 - Baptism of the Lord

Dan will ask all of the presiders if they would like to arrange a baptism on this day.

It would need to be scheduled asap. Perhaps Joe Gibbs could be contacted,

as he meets with the families of children to be baptized.

e. January 17 - Ordinary Time begins

f. February 17 - Ash Wednesday - Lent begins

Last year, Masses were at 6:30 and 9:00 a.m., 12:15 noon, and 7:00 p.m.

Dan will inquire into whether we will have a noon Mass again this year.

Lectors will be needed.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 1st, 7:00 p.m. in the rectory.

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

Please bring your sourcebooks, and look over the month of December.