

# Liturgy Committee Meeting

## Tuesday, February 2, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

**Attendance:** Dan Morris, Cecilia Chang, Mary Ellen Hennig, Ed Johnson, Cynthia Rohrs-Carter, Dick Sherman, Totsie Taylor

**Absent:** Mary Lou Caldwell, Tom Kemnitz, Janice LaMotte

**Prayer:** Gospel of St. Luke (2: 22-40), on the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple

**Minutes:** The minutes from the last meeting on January 12 were approved.

### **Comments on topics from last month's minutes:**

1. **Sound system in the church:** comment on the unbalanced amplification of singers' voices in the 9:30 choir, especially apparent in the chapel. Suggestions: caution the choir about placing the microphone in front of the choir; use the microphone for cantors only; get hanging microphones.
2. **Sound in the chapel for daily Mass:** There continues to be the same problem: difficulty/impossibility hearing the presider at times and especially the lectors for the people in the main part of the church, particularly when the heating blowers are on.  
A question was raised about the lectors who read at daily Mass and how they are chosen. It was noted that a few have very heavy accents and are difficult to understand as well as to hear.  
Suggestions: use the cordless microphone; get a number of the daily readings booklets from OCP for daily Mass.  
The question was raised about **where the daily Masses will be held during Lent:** in the chapel or in the main church.
3. **Emergency Response:** the parish council is looking into the need for Red Cross training, a defibrillator, etc.
4. **Sunday, February 7** - Scout Sunday and Children's Liturgy at the 9:30 Mass.
5. **Valentine's Day blessing - Sunday, February 14:**  
It was suggested that a "general" blessing be given to all, such as a prayer that we all grow in love for one another, rather than a blessing just for one group of people, such as married, engaged, etc.  
It was suggested to have red and white flowers, red ribbons, and possibly to decorate the statue of the Holy Family.

6. **Ashes and Palms**: Totsie reported that we have lots of old ashes from last year. There needs to be a verbal announcement as well as an article in the bulletin inviting people to bring their old palms to be burned - as an opportunity for them to dispose properly of their old palms. Last year's palms arrived rather dry. Totsie will be ordering palms, possibly from another source. Generally, they come from Mexico.
  
7. **Little Black Books for Lent**: Totsie will order some, and it was suggested that we charge \$1.00. Totsie will talk to Father Greg about the parish covering the cost of shipping and handling. It was noted that several parishes around us are offering the little black books for free.
  
8. **Extra Stations of the Cross 1x a week after a daily Mass**:  
Mary Ellen and Cecilia will ask the Rosary Group if they would like to do this in lieu of the rosary prayers once a week during Lent. If so, a leader (priest?) needs to be found, and stations booklets need to be procured.
  
9. **Music for Lent**: Dan will speak to the 5:00 Sunday group about keeping the processional and especially the recessional more subdued and solemn. All the **Scrutinies for RCIA will be at the 9:30 Masses**. Thus, the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Lent (March 7, 14, 21) will be using Cycle A. Mary Ellen will tell Rose about this. The possibility of using the special gospel setting with a musical response was raised (Woman at the Well, Man Born Blind, Raising of Lazarus). Dan will look for the original books these settings were taken from. Also, the presiders for those Masses need to be approached.

### **LENT, cont:**

1. **Lenten Environment**: Branches will be delivered by the city of Cupertino on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Environment was described in last month's minutes. Suggestion for the cloth inside the overturned pitcher: change it to shimmery light blue material for Easter. Recommendation: that the rod in the front entry way be moved as the cloth gets caught in the door.
  
2. **Giving a Lenten Memento to Parishioners**: Totsie suggested giving out something such as a key ring prayer which she found in a catalog.
  
3. **Ash Wednesday - February 17**  
Masses at 6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.  
Dick will schedule lectors for all except the 9 a.m. which the school will do.  
Eucharistic ministers will help distribute ashes. Dan will supply them with the little prayer that is to be said over each person.

Last year the numbers for Ash Wednesday were:

- 6:30 a.m. Mass - 75 people
- 9:00 Mass - full (included school children)
- 12:15 Mass - 200 people
- 7:00 p.m. Mass - overflow

4. **Stations of the Cross**: at 7:00 p.m. on the following Fridays (with exceptions):
  - Feb. 19 - Stations
  - Feb. 26 - Stations
  - March 5 - No Stations - Taize Prayer Service
  - March 12 - No Stations - St. Patrick's dinner/dance
  - March 19 - Stations
  - March 26 - No Stations - Parish Reconciliation
  
5. **Taize Prayer Service - Friday, March 5**. Sofyan Nugroho is coordinating this. Lisa Scott-Ponce asked for a gathering of ministers (lectors, Eucharistic ministers, and others) in order to connect with one another. It was suggested that they meet in the Community Center at 6 p.m. for a meatless potluck and a discussion about their ministries, and then go to the church for the Taize at 7:00 p.m. The musicians and planners involved in the Taize will not be able to attend the potluck dinner. Ideally, someone at the dinner would take notes about what was said to pass on to them. Another idea was that the ministers return to the Community Center after the Taize service (around 8 p.m.) for dessert and continued discussion.
  
6. **St. Joseph's Table**: Tuesday, March 16 - put on by the Italian Federation.
  
7. **Soup Supper**: Possibly on Wednesday, March 17 or on Friday, March 19. It was difficult to schedule as the Community Center is booked up almost every night.

## **Holy Week:**

1. **Palm Sunday**: March 28  
Two lectors will be needed for the reading of the Passion.  
Dick reported that rehearsals will be held for the lectors.
  
2. **Holy Thursday**: April 1  
There will be only one Mass at 7:30 p.m.  
Two lectors will be needed.
  
3. **Good Friday**: April 2  
Liturgy at 1:30. Two lectors will be needed.  
Taize service at 7 p.m. Must be over at 8 p.m. promptly to allow the decoration/environment team to start work for Easter. Dan will inform Sofyan about this.
  
4. **Easter Vigil** (Saturday): April 3  
Environment: Church and Hall need to be decorated.  
Suggestion not to use the old gold swags that were draped from the ceiling all around the church. Last year, some of the swags could not be found. Totsie will look for them. There was concern about the amount of time it takes to put them up, and the safety factor of climbing up ladders.

Volunteers need to arrive at 7 p.m. on Sat. to set up (Ed Johnson and Norman Carter).  
Last year Hernando lit the fire too soon.  
Suggestion: put candles into the hibachi to keep the fire burning longer.  
Service will start at 8 p.m.  
Three lectors will be needed.

5. **Easter Sunday:** April 4

Masses in the church at 8, 9:30, and 11 a.m.

Masses in the hall at 9:30 and 11 a.m.

Dan needs a volunteer to help him coordinate the hall Masses.

**Miscellaneous:**

1. **Monsignor Milani's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination and 85<sup>th</sup> birthday:**

Mass for the parish will be on Sunday, May 16 at the 11:00 Mass.

Other choirs are invited to join in the singing for Mass.

No Eucharistic ministers will be needed, as there will be a number of priests concelebrating. However, lectors will be needed, and Dick will schedule them.

Also, Monsignor will have another celebration with his circle of friends, by invitation only, on Sunday, June 13 at 12:30 p.m.

Sue Trudeau and Mary Ann Herlihy are coordinating the receptions for both of these events.

2. **Children's Liturgies:**

Sunday, February 7 at the 9:30 Mass

Sunday, March 7 at the 9:30 Mass

No children's liturgy in April

May, TBA - Dan will let Dick and Mary Ellen know the date.

3. **Church Calendar and Facilities Request Forms:**

There is a need to simplify and consolidate the St. Joseph's calendars so that functions can be properly scheduled. Currently there is a paper calendar which is filled in by hand, and also an electronic calendar which is on the SJC website.

The "Event Request Form" used by parishioners has been in use for some time.

However, the "Facilities Request Form" is not well used, and there have been some problems with double booking, omissions, etc.

Ideally, only one form of the calendar should be used to eliminate confusion.

**NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 7:00 p.m. in the rectory.**

Please bring your sourcebooks, and look over the pages on Lent, Holy Week, Easter, and following.

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