

CHRIST THE REDEEMER PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes – May 25, 2021

<i>Parish Staff</i>		<i>Present</i>	<i>Parish Pastoral Council</i>		<i>Present</i>
Pastor	Rev. Sean P. Horrigan	yes	PPC Member 2019-2022	Rosanne Cook	no
Parochial Vicar	Rev. Vincent Tran	no	PPC Member 2018-2021	Grant Roscoe	yes
Deacon/ Parish Administrator	Deacon Kerry Bourque	yes	PPC Member 2018-2021	Tim Wentte	yes
			PPC Member 2021-2024	Patrick Jetter	yes
			PPC Member 2019-2022	Victor Jackson	yes
			PPC Member 2019-2022	Matt Lane	yes
<i>Parishioners</i>			PPC Member 2019-2022	Marjorie Maloney	no
			PPC Member 2019-2022	Shawn Muldoon	yes
			PPC Member 2020-2023	Michelle Allien	yes
			PPC Member 2020-2023	James Brown	yes
			PPC Member 2020-2023	Sue Fielding	yes
			PPC Member 2020-2023	Tom Jones	yes

Meeting began: 7:08 PM

Opening prayer: Tim

PPC Matters:

- Distributing the Body of Christ – only a few parishioners had received it on their tongue. Distribution of the wine - may be in the distant future.
- Dispensation of the obligation to attend mass will remain in place for the foreseeable future. The Diocese of Galveston Houston is one of the few that have elected to keep this in place.
- Most of the ministries are almost back to normal, while masks and social distancing is highly recommended, there is still no food/snacks allowed.
- Fr. Sean said the presider will continue to pray at the altar instead of the server standing in front and close to the at mass.
- Sunday nursery – Many parents have asked, however currently there has been no determination of re-opening the service. Deacon Kerry stated that when the nursery would open, all of the volunteers would have to be recertified with training and

background checks. This would also include childcare during meetings of ministries such as baptism preparation and RCIA.

- Fr. Sean will revisit the addition/coordination of a Spanish Mass.
- School and Genesis attendance is up to 380 so far for the next school year. (The highest was 411 pre-Harvey.)
- Deacon Kerry updates
- RE:
Registration is open. We are anticipating returning in person.
VBS (Virtual) registration is open - week of July 12

Adult Discipleship:

Eight adults confirmed this past week.

Encyclical discussion group starting next week

Bible study and Men's Fellowship group starting in June

Most other groups start in the Fall.

Family Life:

We just welcomed 15 new couples to begin marriage preparation last week at our Engaged Couple Orientation

Hope to invite more participation in the recently formed wedding guild ministry

Ministries planning to meet in person during the summer are St. Anne Society, Catholic Daughters, Serenity Grief Support Group

Ministries planning to begin in the fall are; Divorced/Separated, Cana Family Experience

Genesis:

Finishing out the year this week

Hiring part time staff and have available spaces for 18 month olds, 2 year olds and 4 year olds.

Liturgy:

This past weekend we had an increase in attendance of over 30%

Started Altar Server formations. Required to attend two formations before they are added to our roster and assigned a Mass.

Working with Lectors, Ushers/Greeters and EMHCs to provide formation opportunities for them.

Open Forum: No members from the parish were in attendance to address the council.

Information sharing from Fr. Sean:

- Parish staffing – Cathy Kelly, who is the director of RE, is retiring in December after 8 years.

- Laurie Medina, who is the ECHO apprentice, is graduating from Notre Dame. Her last day was this past Friday. A new apprentice, the 5th one in the parish, will start in the fall.
- Sylvia Baker, the Director of Advancement (part time) is stepping down to be at home with her family. Meghan Dillingham, who worked in the parish office a few years ago, is coming back full time as the Director of Advancement and Stewardship. She will start mid June.
- Rachel Smyth, who is the Director of Youth Evangelization and Catachesis, is pregnant and due in mid July. After maternity leave, she will return part time with Faith Formation. Angela Sengenberger, who is currently Coordinator of Middle School Youth Ministry, will step into Rachel's position. The parish will be searching for a new youth minister.
- Ignite Campaign - Fr. Sean would like to wait til the fall to reintroduce this to the congregation.
- The parish's debts are still being paid and there was no need to restructure any debt. The finance committee used the PPP loan to pay salaries, etc. At the same time, we were able to reduce the principal.
- Deacon Kerry – RAC repairs – Deacon and Fr Sean are reviewing the bids received for the repairs. Mostly cosmetic, base boards, carpet and painting, the repairs will be done during the summer after the last day of school (June 11).
- **Open Discussion:**
- Discussion of the article 'Is the Catholic Parish in Crisis?' After the high attendance this past weekend at the masses, is this applicable? Fr. Sean told Cardinal the weekend went really well, he saw families he had not seen in a year! While we were pleasantly surprised by the increase in the number of attendees, some were disappointed in the lack of parishioners wearing masks. Masks will still be required at school til the end of the semester. Matt said that he and his bride to be will recommend wearing masks at their upcoming wedding, but would like to go without at the reception and for pictures.
- Victor commented that historically the Church was the center of the community but now social media is pulling people away. As part of the ACTS community, he wondered when they would be able to attend retreats again. People are at home for home and work now, not getting out to meet new people.
- Tim suggested re-launching brunches and picnics.
- James said that his discussion with parishioners is they want to be challenged by the church, hear more on church teachings, maybe have a 'Catholicism 101' refresher course.

- Fr. Sean said there were many ideas and plans in Vision 2020, Universal call to Holiness, these need to be revisited.

Next Meeting: Tentative June 22

Prayer volunteer for next meeting: Rosanne (August)

Closing Prayer: Tim

Meeting adjourned: 8:21 pm