

## **LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – September 25, 2017**

**Present:** Dawn Wenzl, Gerard Cordero, Jeanine Fried, Louise Davis, Christine Nathe, Patti Mitchel, Mary Ann Sabie, Zeke Ortiz, Krista Rashap, Michael Jones, Larry Connell, Msgr. Luna, Teresa Madrid

**Excused:** Keith Vigil, Deacon George Miller, Liz Slimak

### **Opening Prayer & Mission Statements:**

All recited the Liturgy Committee Opening prayer:

*May the Holy Spirit guide us as we endeavor to prayerfully and reverently serve the Lord, our God, as Liturgical Ministers at St. Joseph on the Rio Grande. May we lead by the example of our own personal spiritual lives, and by our actions each and every day. As we serve, may we always remember that we are all brothers and sisters in Christ; and that true worship comes from humble and contrite hearts, and love of one another. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

All recited the mission statements for the Parish and for the Liturgy Committee.

### **Approval of the Agenda for September 25, 2017**

Added "All Saints Day" to New Business. Approval of the agenda as amended was moved (Zeke), seconded (Michael), and passed.

### **Approval of Minutes from May 2, 2017**

The following changes were made to the minutes:

- Add Krista Rashap to the attendance list.
- Change the text for Holy Thursday to say the Praei Deus not be in the way of the priest.
- Change text for Good Friday to say to use the St. Alfonso Ligouri version for Stations of the Cross.

Approval of the minutes as amended was moved (Krista), seconded (Louise), and passed.

## **FORMATION**

Jeanine gave everyone a handout of Chapter of II of the Vatican II council. She highlighted important phrases that might direct thinking and discussion. She mentioned that Christ instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper so that He could perpetuate His sacrifice on the Cross and make a memorial of His death and resurrection. This is important because the Resurrection and Cross cannot be separated. Death and resurrection are inseparable. One cannot exist without the other.

Mary Ann asked if there was a way to increase formation in our community about participation in the Mass.

Msgr. replied that it takes a lot of time for individuals to realize and understand full, active, conscious participation in the Mass. We cannot simply tell people to do it. The ritual has to grow on people to the point they have an “aha” moment of clarity; it’s a moment of grace. It happens in God’s time. This moment may be offered through different ministries. We can do all the planning we want, but it may never provide the clarity or realization for someone. But it is important that we still do our part in our ministries.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Confirmation** – Everything went well. Father John Daniel was the presider.

**May Crowning** – Zeke said that May Crowning this year was very difficult. There were not many children available to participate. John and Zeke had to recruit children and even some adults for every Mass.

As a path forward, have somebody officially in charge of coordinating with sufficient time to recruit children. This can possibly be done by another ministry (e.g., Catholic Daughters). Other possibilities:

- Do not have it on the same weekend as First Communion.
- Only have May Crowning done on Sunday.
- Have May Crowning done only at one Mass.

**First Communion** – There was only one Mass this year for First Communion. The numbers were lower this year. The same will be true for next year. There will only be one First Communion Mass next year.

**Corpus Christi** – All the altars were set up and decorated. There was plenty of help. The Knights of Columbus and Boy Scouts completed the cleanup. This was the most attended procession so far.

Jeanine asked if there is an expectation for how the altars are decorated. Msgr. replied that there is no real expectation. The altars can be representative of the ministry. The only requirement is that there is an appropriate area to place the Blessed Sacrament. There is more importance in the pilgrim people going towards the Kingdom, following Jesus in their midst.

**Assumption of the BVM** – Masses were well-attended. No issues.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Book of the Dead** – Books will be out on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September for people to put names in to prepare the main book. Tables will be out in the gathering space. There will be three books on the altar: Book of the Dead, Fr. Bill’s book, and Isabel’s book starting November 1<sup>st</sup>. They will be blessed during the November 4 and 5 Masses. Fr. Bill will do Noon Mass; Gerard will need to have music prepared for when the books are blessed.

Side note: Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> will be first Mass changed to 4pm.

**Parish Retreat** – The retreat is scheduled for October 14. The Sacristans will come in and ensure items are available for Adoration/Benediction. Msgr. will be present at the start of the retreat.

**All Soul's Day Mass** – Reviewed notes from last year's Mass. The worship space will have a table with cloth and books. The table should be very simple and solemn. The environment can be more elaborate in gathering spaces.

The Consolation Ministry will prepare candles with the names of the deceased. The Liturgy Committee's responsibility should be the choir, lectors, ushers, and EMs. Gerard will do the music for the All Soul's Day Mass. This will be communicated to Isabel. Krista will take care of lectors and EMs. Zeke will coordinate the ushers.

An announcement will be included in the bulletin for people to contact the Consolation Ministry if they would like to have name included for the Mass. This is limited to Parishioners who have died in past year.

**Thanksgiving** – Larry will talk to his group about doing the music. The lectors and EMs set.

**Feast of Christ the King** – Feast of Christ the King is on November 26<sup>th</sup>. The Commissioning of Liturgical Ministers will take place at all Masses. Ministry Leaders should notify their ministers to attend.

**All Saints** – There will be two Masses: 9am and 7pm.

**RCIA** – On Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, the Rite of Acceptance and Rite of Welcoming will occur. Mary Ann will coordinate with Liz about what needs to be on the screens. There will be one person for the Rite of Acceptance and one person for Rite of Welcoming.

Msgr. closed the meeting in prayer.