

## **LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – October 30, 2017**

**Present:** Dawn Wenzl, Gerard Cordero, Jeanine Fried, Louise Davis, Patti Mitchel, Zeke Ortiz, Larry Connell, Msgr. Luna, Krista Rashap, John Caldwell, Teresa Madrid

**Excused:** Christine Nathe, Deacon George Miller, Michael Jones, Keith Vigil

### **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 October 30, 2017**

Approval of the agenda as amended was moved (Larry), seconded (Zeke), and passed.

### **Approval of Minutes from September 25, 2017**

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

## **FORMATION**

Discussion was held about Matthew's Gospel. Msgr. said the Gospel readings that we have been hearing lately are approaching the Passion; they have a more Lenten theme.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Blessing of the Book of Remembrance** – The blessing of the Book of Remembrance will take place the weekend of 11/4 and 11/5. This will take place after the Prayers of Faithful and incense will be used.

**RCIA Rite of Acceptance** – This will occur at the 10am Mass on 11/5.

**All Saints Day** – Masses will be at 9am and 7pm. The 10am choir will do the 7pm Mass. The altar servers, EMs, and lectors have all been scheduled.

**All Souls' Day** – The Book of Remembrance will also be blessed and incensed during this Mass. The readings are typically ones done at a funeral. Dawn would like to do the music next year so she can learn the Liturgy. The lectors, altar servers, and EMs have been scheduled.

**Thanksgiving Day** – The 5pm choir will do the music. The ushers, altar servers, EMs, and lectors have all been scheduled. Per Msgr. Luna's request, please do the song, Gracias Señor.

**Commissioning of Liturgical Ministers** – This will take place at all Masses the weekend of 11/25 and 11/26 (Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe).

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Immaculate Conception** – Masses will be held at 9am and 7pm. The 5pm choir will do the music for the 7pm Mass. The EMs, altar servers, lectors, and art and environment are prepared.

**Our Lady of Guadalupe** – Louise will take care of environment and setup. The 8am choir will do the music. Las Mañanitas will be done at 6am. Louise will have everything set up, including the candles. She will not need to be present at the Mass.

**Penance Service** – The service will be on 12/12 at 7pm, and Dawn will do the music. Six priests have already committed in addition to Msgr. Luna and Fr. Bill. Krista will select one lector that is still needed for the service. Msgr. Luna will need to develop the liturgy for the service since Sr. Kathleen is retired.

**Las Posadas** – Another committee is in charge of putting together Las Posadas this year. Las Posadas will take place on 12/17 at 5pm. Theresa has committed to doing the music. She has had difficulty getting additional musicians in previous years.

**Christmas Masses** – Masses for Christmas are scheduled at 4pm and 12am on Christmas Eve, and 8am and 10am on Christmas Day. The 10am choir will do music for the 4pm Mass, and the 8am choir will do Midnight Mass. The 5pm choir will do music for the Mass at 10am on Christmas Day. Currently, no choir is available for the 8am Mass.

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God** – This solemnity is not a Holy Day of Obligation next year. Masses will be held at 8am and 10am. Gerard will do the music for the 10am Mass.

**Technology** – Discussion was held about sound levels depending on location in the church. A proposal was made that the committee survey to find out the Assembly's experience in hearing the sound at Mass. A small committee will be assembled to research possible solutions. The committee will include Larry, Gerard, and Keith. These efforts can start after the Christmas season.

Krista volunteered to organize the survey. Survey other parishes as well if they have had an upgrade in their sound systems. St. Jude Thaddeus may be a good parish to ask.

**Choir Director Meeting** – A meeting for the choir directors will be held after the Noon Mass on 11/16. This meeting will be used to discuss the need for musicians in the choirs. Some choirs have been struggling with having committed musicians.

Msgr. closed the meeting in prayer.