

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI LITURGY COMMITTEE
SUMMARY OF MEETING ON NOVEMBER 9, 2021

The liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the church is directed; it is also the source from which all its power flows. (SC #10)

Unfinished Business

Morning of Reflection, November 20

Topic: Our Experience of Liturgical Ministry

1. Four brief presentations with Q&A following each presentation, connecting our experience of liturgical ministry with the four parts of the Mass
 1. Kathy – Introductory Rites + gifts and skills we bring and how we prepare for liturgy
 2. Renee – Liturgy of the Word + how liturgical ministry shapes our own worship
 3. Paula – Liturgy of the Eucharist + how Christ is present in our ministry
 4. Pat – Concluding Rites + how liturgical ministry impacts our relationship with God and with the community
2. We are using questions from “Liturgy Formation Pathway” from the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle in Australia and building on our presentations from the questions.
3. Order for the day
Welcome
Prayer – Fr. Fritz
Presentations 1, 2, 3, 4 w/Q&A after each presentation
Brief wrap-up, announcements
Closing Prayer – Fr. Fritz
4. Fr. Fritz asked to see the Maitland-Newcastle liturgy formation document which we are using to build our presentation. Paula sent him the link.

Reflect

All Saints Day Ritual of Remembrance

1. The Committee agreed that the ritual provided a beautiful, solemn, respectful addition to our celebration and that we should continue to use it on the solemnity.
2. Pat reminded us that we need to display the *Book of Remembrance* in the sanctuary during November.

Plan/Celebrate

Advent/Christmas

- Frank Conway will purchase Advent wreath
- Immaculate Conception, Wednesday, December 8
Holy day of obligation, so evening Mass, 7:00
Liturgical ministers as for Sunday Mass
- Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration? December 12 is the Third Sunday of Advent, so the Advent Mass takes precedence, but perhaps we could provide an image of OLP during Mass on December 12, include an intercession in the Prayer of the Faithful and possibly a musical piece. Since some in our Latino community offered to bring food to a church celebration, perhaps we could have hospitality on the 12th and invite them to bring food?

- We need a bulletin announcement for church decorating on December 19. Renee said she would take care of that.
- Christmas Eve Mass, 5:00 p.m.
There will fifteen to twenty minutes of prelude music.
Roman Martyrology will be proclaimed at the ambo preceded by a procession.
- Christmas Day, 10:00 a.m.
Amount of time for prelude music was not discussed.
- It was recommended that we not prepare the church hall for any overflow in attendance because there will be a reception held on December 23 and it will be too short of a turn around to prepare the hall for viewing the Mass.
- Fr. Fritz said he would like both Masses to be live streamed. Frank C. said that Frank S. will cover the 5:00 p.m. Mass and that he will find someone to cover the 10:00 a.m. Mass.
- Since the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is not a holy day of obligation this year, Mass will not be celebrated.
- The Epiphany Proclamation of moveable feasts will be sung at the beginning of Mass.
- We spoke briefly about an Epiphany party, but did not go into any depth.

Other Things to Consider

- Bringing back altar servers; bringing cantor back to ambo for Responsorial Psalm; and bringing back Procession at Preparation of the Gifts.
Fr. Fritz said we could resume all three beginning in Advent – at least Second Sunday of Advent to allow time for the transition.
- Pat said he would speak with possible altar servers and also with those who are already trained.
- RCIA Adapted for Children. We have two children going through the process. Kathy said she is researching the celebration of RCIA rites and rituals with children in the catechumenate. Materials she has consulted say the comfort level of children should be considered, perhaps celebrating the Rite of Acceptance at a Saturday Liturgy of the Word with a small community.
Also, celebration of one scrutiny (a must) or maybe two, again honoring their comfort level. These could be celebrated on a Sunday instead of a catechetical session.
Formation should be at least one year as with adults.
Maybe we should also consider catechesis of parents.
- Celebrating Reception into Full Communion with Travis Meredith. Paula verified with Fr. Fritz music during the ritual of Confirmation. Kathy will verify with Fr. Fritz where Travis and his family will be seated and movement within the ritual. Kathy also mentioned having a reception following Mass in the hall.
- Fr. Fritz said we will celebrate a Day of Adoration during Lent, specifically on Friday, March 18, between 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- The Committee spoke about replacing the Baptismal font. It is of 1950's origin. Fr. Fritz said he is open to further discussion.

Schedule of Meetings (second Tuesday of the month)

December 14, 2021
January 11, 2022