

Minutes  
Worship Commission  
St. Veronica Church  
Tuesday, January 19, 2021 – 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Zoom Meeting

Attendance, present: Fr. Del, Paul Bresciani, Janet Bresciani, Steve Gerwe, Dottie Buerger, Tom Baker, Peggy Hager, Mindy Dannemiller, Dave Heilmann

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20, Peggy Hager read, followed by discussion.

Business:

- November 2020 minutes approved with no changes.
- Member Report Recap – no discussions/decisions
- Father Del notes
  - Good number of funerals, thanks to Dottie and Ben for the help.
  - Live plants have had issues, ordered some artificial peace lilies.
- Reviewed weekday Mass times, discussed switching Mondays to noon
  - **Decision: Table this, check with ministers if we can cover this.**
- Evaluation of Advent & Christmas liturgies
  - Advent books were popular, people came to office to get
  - Went very well, all things considered; hopefully bodes well for Easter
  - Heard reports that people in gym were appreciative, some people liked option of less crowded gym even there was some room in Church
  - Only Mass we really needed tickets for was 3:00, but we were glad we did for other Masses to be prepared
- Preparation for upcoming liturgies
  - Ash Wednesday plan; going into classes
    - Vatican said can't smear on forehead, sprinkle dry ashes on top of heads. Will announce this so people are prepared.

- **Decision: We will follow Vatican directive to sprinkle on head**
- **Decision: 7:30AM Mass, noon service, 7:00PM Mass; going into classrooms**
- Rite of Election Feb 21 - not doing at Cathedral, doing at Parishes. Normal Mass. 2 adults and 3 children. **Decision: do at 9:30am liturgy.**
- Stations of the Cross, will do a bit scaled down, we have old books we can reuse
  - **Decision: Half hour before a Weds evening Masses**
- Scrutinies: Del discussing with Emily.
- Holy Week
  - Palm Sunday - Regular Masses, don't gather outside and process in
  - Holy Thursday - likely won't wash feet, will keep eye out for notes from Worship Office. 7:00 PM
  - Good Friday
    - **Decision: 1 liturgy at 1:00, stations before**
  - Easter Vigil - planned as normal 8:30
  - Easter Sunday 7:30AM 9:30AM 11:30AM
- Confirmation will be on Mon/Weds/Thurs nights, 1st week of May; more to come
- Father Pat has 50th anniversary of Ordination in spring (May 29), we should plan as a Parish on something.
- Next meeting Tuesday, March 16, 2021
- Meeting adjourned at 7:43

### **Worship Commission Member Reports – January, 2021**

#### **Art and Environment** (Peggy Hager):

- COVID-19 Adjustments
  - I replaced the painter's tape at the ends of every other pew, used to help delineate where to sit, with temporary (God willing "#\$%) uniform white cords. I also worked with Principal Sharon Bresler to replace the painter's tape markers with uniform markers to help St. Veronica students know where to sit in each pew.
- Christmas flowers 2020.

- We placed a standard, but slightly smaller, order of poinsettias with Benken Florist.
- The Nativity set was placed on the steps of the altar for the Christmas Season. I moved the 3 Kings over to join the Holy Family for the Feast of the Epiphany. They came down the afternoon of Christ's Baptism.
- Ordinary Time
  - Green banners and altar cloths went back up on Sunday afternoon, January 10. These will stay up until after 7:30 am mass on Tuesday February 16, 2021 (Mardi Gras)
- Of Note
  - Additional peace lilies will be purchased for use in the sanctuary. These may or may not be silk plants. Stay tuned!

**At-large** (Tom Baker):

- No new concerns. Nothing I have heard other than the difficulties we face with pandemic issues.

**Baptism** (Mindy Dannemiller):

- We've been busy with baptisms because many parents were waiting to baptize their child once Covid-19 passed. Well, the pandemic is not better so parents are now baptizing their child. We've had 13 baptisms from November-January. That's great!

**Bereavement** (Dottie Buerger):

- We've had 5 funerals since the last meeting and there will likely be one more next week as another parishioner has passed away.
- Until Covid is not an issue, Fr. Del has decided that we won't allow public visitations in the Chapel because we had a couple of funerals lately where there were too many people and they weren't social distancing. We will allow private family gatherings of no more than 15 people in the chapel right before the mass. Since this has been changed, the families have had visitations at the funeral home.

**Eucharistic Ministers** (Steve Gerwe):

- EM's for Christmas went well. Distribution in Gym was delayed but worked for the overflow seating.

- I will send out request today for anyone wanting to rejoin the EM scheduling for February.
  - Seems like numbers for Masses are trending upwards.
  - No training has been scheduled for new EMs or Sacristans.

**Lectors** (Janet Bresciani):

- Currently we have 26 volunteers in the lector ministry actively being scheduled. We have a handful of others who have requested to not be scheduled, but are picking up sub requests as needed, which is a great help! (We have 13 lector positions to fill each week.) Due to the increased number of Christmas Masses, we actually had a total of 12 lector positions to fill for Christmas Eve and Day, which means about half of our active lectors were scheduled to read for the Christmas Masses. We had a bit of last minute shuffling due to Covid quarantines, but in the end, all of the positions were filled!
- There are actually a number of previously active lectors who have not volunteered since Covid (a few of them specifically due to the mask requirement.) I am hopeful that as more people continue to get vaccinated, volunteers will return to our ministry. Most of our current volunteers are reading at least 2-3 times per month, some of them even more frequently. I am concerned about overusing our current volunteers, and I suggest that we start considering ways to “welcome back” our inactive volunteers (and really all parishioners), in the spring/summer, when hopefully we start to see the Covid numbers going in the right direction.

**Music** (Paul Bresciani):

- With 10 Masses over the Christmas weekend, we stretched our Covid cantor roster to its limit, as we are down to 10 cantors because of Covid. • At school we now have 4 student cantors who rotate weekly for the school Masses.

**Parochial Vicar** (Fr. Alex Biryomumeisho): •

No report

**Servers** (Nick Robben):

- No report

**Ushers** (Dave Heilmann):

- No report