

## Parish council meeting July 9, 2020 6:30pm – 8:00pm

PRESENT: Fr Ross, Tim Doval, Jim Laferriere, Elizabeth Crail, Ann Hagestead, Anna Mouton, Carolyn Dukes, Barb Fennessy, Patty Walter, Tom Vorderbruggen, Deacon Paul Perreault

EXCUSED: Jim Villano, Roberta Carnahan, Molly Murphy, Lourdes Bernal, Gina Torres, Ricardo Rodriguez

### Opening prayer

### Distributed Parish Council minutes from the February 20th meeting

**Hispanic Apostolate:** Lourdes Bernal, Gina Torres and Ricardo Rodriguez met with Fr Ross the previous week as this evening's meeting conflicted with scheduled Apostolate activities with Padre Huberto.

### Mass times from August 1<sup>st</sup> going forward:

- Due to Covid19, St Mark's is unable to gather and celebrate Mass at the campus. St Mark's Mass will be held 5:30pm Sundays at Cathedral.
- The 9am Mass will change back to 8am as of August 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - The 8am Mass had been changed to 9am during the period of our parking lot Masses, which then transferred inside, retaining the 9am time. This change does not allow Fr Ross to be available for the St Raphael 9:30am Mass. Because of allowable capacity, there was a delayed opening of the Immaculate Conception Church, and more people were attending at the Cathedral. Fr Tom assisted at the 9am SHC Mass, allowing Fr Ross to be available for the 9:30am St Raphael's Mass.
- On a weekend when Fr Ross is able to celebrate all the masses assigned to him, times would include: 4:30pm, 6:00pm(St Raphael) Saturday, 8:00am , 9:30am (St Raphael), 11:00am, 1:00pm.
  - For consideration, temporarily move the 9:30am St Raphael's Mass to cathedral, avoiding travel time back and forth for Fr Ross. Fr Kaspar will help throughout the summer so this is not currently an issue.
  - Also brought forward for consideration, temporarily consolidate Masses, allowing Priests to travel to our outlying villages and communities where there has been no Masses.
  - For discussion and consideration, if we did away with the 8am Mass, are we squeezing too many people in at one time, effecting the social distancing and spacing within the church. YES, so we will keep the 8:00 AM Mass
- The dispensation changed as of July 1, and now reads if you are in a vulnerable category, you have a dispensation from Mass attendance.
- Comfortable capacity for the cathedral, allowing for social distancing, would be approximately 150. There are live video feeds for those that would like to attend Mass but are not able to attend due to health concerns. These video feeds have been well received. The parking lot Masses were a welcomed temporary solution due to mandates from the Governor during the beginning of the pandemic.

**Religious Education beginning in September:** There are so many unknowns as to when we can resume back to normal. What temporary changes do we need to put in place for this next year.

- For consideration, Fr Tom has looked at his available space at Immaculate Conception, and he suggested that we may combine efforts for Religious Education, and share available Catechists, and hold combined classes at Cathedral. One suggestion would be to have separate classes held at

separate times, allowing for social distancing, perhaps combined with some material available on-line. Currently Confirmation is held on Wednesday evenings, and that allows for social distancing.

**Masses and ministry adaptations due to the need to social distance:**

- Stephen Ministers are not at this time allowed to go to the prison, Denali Center, Pioneer Home, Hospital. Currently priests are allowed but escorted to areas of the hospital when they are called to anoint a patient.
- The seminarians should be returning to the seminary towards the end of August. Lectors and EMs will return to assisting in limited numbers, especially when only one Priest and no seminarians available. The Sacristan will check with the Priest before Mass and locate the required assistance. At this time there will not be Altar Servers.
- Council members were asked for feedback on the current practice of receiving Communion under one species, the Eucharist. All members understood as Jesus is received fully in the one species.

**Parish website renovation:** The web site renovations are currently under development. Christine Kluka has graciously continued to help maintain the current web page after her move in January to the Lower 48. Simplified parish council minutes will go on the new web site, along with names and pictures of the council members. One suggestion was to have a parish council general email for council members to check and/or suggestion box.

**Closing comments from council members:**

- Expressed interest in having a parish council email
- Clothing drive continues
- Security camera system is currently being installed
- Security committee presented a security plan for review
- Catholic school will require masks, and would like that to be considered for religious education

**Closing Prayer**

**Next meeting scheduled for August 20, 2020, Thursday, 6:30pm – 8:00pm**

PPC meeting minutes for July 9, 2020, respectfully submitted by Parish Council Recorder