

Liturgy Commission Meeting - January 8th, 2019

Attendance

- Matthew Anderson
- Joe Costantino
- Strad Engler
- Rita Rodriguez
- Carol Russo
- Patricia Williams
- Mary Lou von Euw

Advent Taize prayer

- Some glitches, though became more collaborative: Steve Sheehan's involvement, etc.
- To have an influx of BC with our people, gives a sense of robustness
- In early years, solely a product of Catherine (later Eric)/Steve/Michael

Bilingual Masses

12/9 - Feast of Guadalupe; 1/6 - Epiphany

- The English coordinators were not there, leading to last minute confusion
 - Perhaps a Spanish mass member - Pedro? - be trained to coordinate upstairs
- Did not have someone to make any pre-Mass announcements - those announcements are not part of the typical Spanish mass
- Once a month bilingual masses, maybe every other month
 - We're one community with two languages, not two separate communities

For Palm Sunday

- Appoint a coordinator
- Put a call out beforehand for eucharistic ministers

Christmas

4pm Pageant Mass

- Well done, kids were well-behaved, happy with the time
- Even by 3:30pm, was packed
- For the future, in the interest of community, allow people to save only one seat
- Some rows saved for those participating in the pageant
- Eric and Carol were directing traffic in the back
- Can we add "Ushers/Greeters" to the ministry scheduling for Easter?
- Have to be trained and comfortable being a bit of a policeman

4pm Downstairs

- Packed with overflow in the Friary Room

Midnight

- added Martyrology, incense - both added dignity
- Given the numbers at the other masses, it made sense to have baked bread strictly at 12am

Christmas Day

- 10am, 12pm: too few Eucharistic ministers; were scrambling to find people
 - Late ministerial cancels
 - A stronger sense of commitment is needed from those who do sign up
- Few parishioners, majority were visitors - on that day, we're ministering to the larger church
 - Suggestion made to go to two masses on Christmas Day (9am and 11am?)

Notable upcoming dates

- Sunday, January 13 World Day of Migrants and Refugees
- Week of January 18-25 - Week of Christian Unity
- Sat/Sun February 9/10 Day of the Sick anointing at the 4 and 12 after homilies
- Wednesday, March 6 Ash Wednesday
- Saturday, March 16th Day for Liturgical Ministers

Lenten Fridays

- Spanish-language Stations of the Cross services, 6pm
 - Potentially to become bilingual, involve music
 - Social Justice-themed Stations of the Cross

Triduum rehearsals

- Holy Thursday April 4th, 7pm
- Good Friday April 5th, 7pm
- Holy Saturday April 11th, 7pm

General observations

- What it is to be a parishioner? It involves one's covenant, even ownership of the parish
 - People need a sense of ownership and commitment - if they don't feel it, they will not step forward to minister
- Listening sessions: we need this, we need that
 - People criticize but don't volunteer
 - Such a small percentage of our parishioners serve as ministers
- We should commission ourselves to be reaching out, offer invitations to those around us
 - A personal invitation is an act of love
- The ministry schedulers need to have a more active role in plugging gaps; much like the coordinators did previously
- Can we set up a section for greeters in the scheduler?
 - Is someone interested in being a coordinator of this ministry? Would be in charge of training new ministers