

St. Vincent de Paul
Liturgy Committee Meeting
February 20, 2014

7:30pm Meeting: Attendance: Fr. Francisco, Fr. Christopher, Roy Kafula, Aloise Martin, Sherrie Nicolet, Maria Rivera, and Peggy Rodriguez

1. Prayer: Fr. Francisco
2. Ash Wednesday: March 5, 2014. Education and awareness of Fast and Abstinence will be addressed in a bulletin insert. It will address such issues as, why do we or don't we? What is our motive? Fr. Francisco suggested that various groups discuss it amongst themselves (such as RCIA, Adult Bible Study, Why Catholic? Groups, etc.)
3. Mass times are: 7am, 12:10pm, 6:30pm English and 8pm in Spanish
4. Environment: we will use the wooden board with the Ezekiel 36:26 scripture verse.
5. Collection: Eastern Churches
6. Rice Bowl: At the entrances of the church. The bowls can be returned on Holy Thursday into a large basket that will be at the altar.
7. Booklets: Five Minutes with the Word will be put at the entrances of the church.
8. Lent: Stations of the Cross will be set up for Fridays during Lent. Mr. Santacruz will organize the Spanish Stations and Mark McVay will be asked to head up the English Stations of the Cross. RCIA: The Rite of Election is Sunday March 9, 2014. The Rite of Sending will be for the Candidates and Catechumens at the Sunday 9:30am Mass. A Crucifix will be given to them as a gift from the parish. The Scrutinies will include the children this year. The Sponsors must attend but a Proxy may be used for the Scrutinies.
9. Holy Week: We discussed having a Parish Mission the week of April 7-11th. It was discussed to offer confessions for the congregation from 4-10pm one evening during that timeframe (possibly on Friday April 11th). Hopefully, there will be 2-4 priests available to hear confessions. The Liturgy of the Hours will be prayed on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday at 8am. Fr. Christopher will provide a bilingual worship aide to assist in the Liturgy of the Hours.
10. Palm Sunday: April 13, 2014. There will be no Holy Water in the fonts until Easter. There will be no Processions by the congregation but we will gather outside the church weather permitting. Father will be at the main entrance, the congregation will be outside on the steps, Father will invite the people to come in, the choir will be in the gathering area, the choir will begin singing and the congregation will profess into the church, then the choir will follow and then Father will go in last. The palms will be distributed before the celebration.
11. Chrism Mass: Tuesday, April 15, 2014. Aloise and Peggy will attend and bring back the oils for the parish. It will be 7pm at St. Mary's Cathedral.
12. Holy Thursday: April 17, 2014 One Mass at 7:30 bilingual. Father will order 200-250 loaves of bread.

Order of Mass: Homily, Washing of the Feet, Collection, Reception of the Oils, and Offertory. Seminarian Roy will help with the altar servers and their procedures, incense etc. Each of these people will ask one representative from a group to volunteer to have their feet washed:

Maria: Marriage Enrichment and Spanish Prayer Group - Fr. Francisco: English Why Catholic, Spanish Why Catholic and Spanish RCIA - Fr. Christopher: Life teen and Choir - Aloise: Women's Council - Peggy: Women of the Cloth and Knights of Columbus - Sherrie: Liturgy of the Hours and Parish Staff Member

Each participant is to be back in the sacristy to put on an alb and receive instructions from Peggy 30 minutes prior to Mass. If they cannot make it, they are to get a substitute and/or let their group leader know. In readiness for the washing, please be bare foot if possible or to wear sandals and no socks. Please take shoes off while still in the pews. They will be asked to form one line and the Participants will go forward and go to the right and line up in a single line by the baptismal font. Proceed to either priest in a timely manner when it is their turn.

Reception of the Oils: This will occur at the Offertory. Order: When Father comes forward for the collection, Sherrie will go to the Ambo, when the song stops, Sherrie will read an introductory/explanation of each oil. This script will be the one used from last year. The person who carries the oil will come to the front of the church in front of Father and give him the oil, they will bow and return to their seats down the side aisle. The three oils will be presented to Father and placed in the cabinet at the same time. The oils will be received before the bread and wine. Hopefully RCIA will carry the oils.

After Mass there will be a procession to the back of the church and there will be Adoration until midnight.

13. Good Friday: April 18, 2014. Stations of the Cross are at 1pm in Spanish and 3pm in English. The Choir will sing after each of these. Mass Schedule: English Mass 6:30pm and Spanish Mass at 8pm.
14. Easter Vigil: Decorations will be done at 9am and rehearsals will be at noon. Mass schedule is Bilingual Mass at 9pm. Fr. Christopher will possibly chant the Exultet and Gospel. Fr. Christopher will be in charge of taking care of the fire at the entrance of the church. Peggy and Aloise will check to see that we have an ample supply of candles and the ushers will offer them before Mass. Both priests will preside at Mass and the baptized children will be allowed to light candles. We will have a blessing of the tabernacle if it is returned in time.

Rome Sweet Home by Scott Hahn will be offered as a gift to the congregation. It will be in Spanish and in English. A tithing book will also be offered but it is in English only.

15. Month of Mary: On May 4th, which is First Communion, the children at both Masses will Crown the Blessed Mother. This crown will be made of silk flowers with no veil. Fr. Christopher will plan a Novena to be prayed during the month. May 3rd is Adult Confirmation, May 18th is Senior Sunday at the 9:30 Mass, and Friday, May 23rd is Youth Confirmation at 7pm.
16. Next Meeting: Thursday, Aug 7, 2014 at 7pm in the parish office conference room.
17. Closing Prayer: Seminarian Roy