

**St. Thomas Aquinas Church**  
**Liturgy Committee Meeting Minutes**  
October 10, 2017

**Present:** Deacon Phil (chair), Fr. Tom Verber, Fr. Fernando Lopez, Sr. Rachel Yourgules, Julie Teichert, Patricia Jauregui, Lisa Boyd, Debbie Young, Cel Hickok

**Absent:** Brian Grisin, Barbara Caballero, Brian Campos, Salvador Soria, Juan Calderon, Avelina Villares

**1. Opening Prayer and Mission Statement:** Deacon Phil

**2. Review agenda**

**3. Old Business**

a. Bulletin articles on the mass

- Phil has some items for the bulletin and will post one per week.
- Bishop Barron is filming his series on the mass. When we get it we'd like to show pieces of it at liturgy.
- Discussion of screen or wall for projection. We're not sure if we have a screen.

**4. New Business**

a. Liturgy Committee website

- Lots of things are posted that may be helpful to committee members and parishioners.
- There are booklets that may be helpful too. There may be copyright issues.
- There are good articles on Catholic websites.

b. Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage

- They'll come here. They'll do it for free. They try to make it a similar experience to being there.
- How long is it? It might be 2-3 hours.
- When? Maybe a Lenten retreat. Maybe February 11 on the feast day. Phil will check on availability and how long it lasts.
- Maybe there should be food.

c. All Soul's Day

- Similar to last year, and there will be refreshments afterward.
- Bulletin announcements will start this weekend (October 14-15). People will be instructed to bring flowers.
- Fr. Tom will be the celebrant, and Fr. Fernando will do the homily.

d. All Saint's Day

- November 1 – 9am mass, 7pm bilingual mass
- Vigil mass on Halloween at 7:30pm in Spanish

e. Thanksgiving

- 10am mass, 7:30am choir will probably be doing the music

f. Christmas

- Villanova Posada is at 5:30pm on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The community is welcome.
- Communal Penance Service is on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- Would it be good to have confessions on Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>? Not this year, there is too much going on.
- Decorate the church for Christmas on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> and leave the lights turned off until Christmas Eve.
- Masses on Christmas Eve: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am, 5pm, 10pm
- Masses on Christmas Day: 9:30am, 11:30am
- Immaculate Conception is on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> – 9am mass, 7pm bilingual mass
- Our Lady of Guadalupe is on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> – 5am mananitas, 6am mass, 6:30pm procession, 7pm bilingual mass
- Should we have Anointing of the Sick during Advent? No, we'll talk about it next meeting.

g. Prayer Service for Parents Who Have Lost Children

- Phil was approached to do this. He and Mary are planning it.
- It would be in a small partitioned area of the hall.
- It will be a prayer service not a mass.
- It will be on a Saturday with a procession to the 5pm mass.
- Candles will be involved.
- We should include parents who have had abortions or miscarriages.
- We should invite someone from the Office of Bereavement. Debbie knows someone from Sacred Heart who would be terrific.
- When? Advent might be a good time because the holidays can be so difficult, but it is very busy. We should consider the Easter season.
- We should be prepared for a large group. Phil didn't get a big response when he asked around.

h. Fr. Tom is trying to start a 5pm Sunday evening youth mass, but he needs music for youth. Does anyone have any ideas?

i. Debbie asked if she can add items to the calendar on the church website.  
Yes.

j. Google mail – Everyone should have received an email with google group information. If not, email Phil.

k. Prayer at Liturgy meetings – Everyone will have the opportunity to lead opening or closing prayer.

**5. Agenda items for the next meeting**

- a. Advent/Christmas
- b. The Feast of Guadalupe
- c. Anointing of the Sick
- d. Wrap up of All Soul's Day mass

**Closing Prayer:** Fr. Tom

**Next meeting is scheduled for November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Aquinas Center Library**

**Minutes submitted by: Lisa Boyd**

**Approved by:**