

Liturgy Committee Meeting
Church of Saint Mary, Alexandria
Thursday, March 9, 2023
6:30 p.m.

Present: Luke VanOverbeke, Father Matthew, Father Rick, Father Fred, Janice Doebber, Carol Gaffaney, Mary Gorghuber, Char Hanson, Jody Koubsky, Michele Neale, Deacon Tony Pasko, and Dave Reller.
Absent: Bonnie Bromen, Kevin Gorghuber, Grace Lambert, Sue McCulloch, Erin Takle and Bill Verschaetse.

1. The committee meeting began with prayer.
2. Minutes of Last Meeting – Motion by Mary Gorghuber, seconded by Tony Pasko, to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2023 meeting. Motion approved.
3. Liturgist's Update
 - Luke said they are working with a printing company for a postcard with information on Holy Week and Easter services which will be mailed parishioners next week.
4. Priests' Updates
 - Father Rick has been focusing on Immaculate Conception Church and Saint Nicholas Church. A processional cross is being donated to Immaculate Conception Church.
 - Father Matthew thanked everyone who participated in the wonderful Confirmation mass. He said Bishop Neary was very impressed with our liturgy.
5. Liturgy Committee Education Session & Discussion
 - Paragraphs 41-65 of the Apostolic Letter Desiderio Desideravi of the Holy Father Francis were discussed.
6. Discussion on Holy Week and Easter
 - Discussion continued on the handouts with the general order of the services for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday-Noon, Good Friday-Tenebrae, Good Friday/Holy Saturday Morning Prayer, Holy Saturday Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.
 - Clarifications given on procedures and items being used.
 - Sign-up sheets will be made available soon for EMHC, altar servers, sacristans and hospitality volunteers to sign up to assist at all these services. Luke will contact AV and lector volunteers.
 - Foot washing – the priest will wash the feet of six (invited) people and then it will be opened to all who wish to come forward. There will be more stations for washing feet.
 - The Holy Thursday service will only be held at St. Mary's Church. Parishioners from Immaculate Conception and St. Nicholas will be invited to attend. Luke will ask for volunteers from Immaculate Conception and St. Nicholas to help in the service.
 - Good Friday Tenebrae – discussion on lowering the lights.
7. Next Meetings:
 - Thursday, April 20th
 - Thursday, May 11th (will include a meal for committee members)
8. Assignment
 - We will continue to discuss Paragraphs 41-65 of Desiderio Desideravi.
9. A closing prayer was led by Luke.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Carol Gaffaney