

**St. Ignatius Church - San Francisco
Worship Committee Minutes
October 12, 2005**

Attending

Stephen St. Marie (chair), Kevin Boden, Phyllis Bonocore, Rose Casserly, Kerry Daly, Diane Del Chiaro, Hilary Paskowitz, Michelle Ríos (secretary), Nick Rocchio, Vicky Siu, Don Crean (staff)

Ordinary Business

The opening prayer was led by Kevin Boden.

Minutes of the September 14th meeting were approved.

Our next meeting will take place on November 9 (6:00 pm). Phyllis Bonocore will lead the opening prayer and Kerry Daly will provide snacks.

Advent

Don Crean provided Lector Workbooks to Committee members, with a request to review the Advent readings. Any suggestions for themes, music, etc. for the Advent season should be forwarded to Don.

The Advent wreath (electric lights) will be hung at the central crossing; candles will also be located at the altar for lighting at each service.

Advent schedule:

- 1st Sunday – November 27.
- 2nd Sunday – December 4. Start monthly Reconciliation services (see below)
- 3rd Sunday – December 11. Fr. Lucas' annual blanket drive; family Advent wreath activity led by Dan Falloon.
- 4th Sunday – December 18.
- Christmas (and New Year's Day) are on Sunday this year.

Reconciliation Services

At our last meeting, we requested approval for monthly Reconciliation services. The pastor and parish staff have approved this proposal.

Services will take place on the first Sunday of the month, starting in December:

- December 4 – first monthly service
- January 1 – will be moved to January 8
- February 5 (ordinary time)
- March 5 (in Lent)
- April 9 = Palm Sunday (to be confirmed, but the Committee felt this would be acceptable)

Services will start at 3:45 (same as current Saturday afternoon confessions), and will finish by 4:30pm to allow set-up of the 5:00pm Mass.

The Committee discussed logistics for these services (location; accessibility concerns, etc.), but deferred decisions to the Reconciliation Subcommittee. Catechetical materials for distribution in

the bulletin and/or homilies will also be developed by the Subcommittee; the first materials should be ready to go out by the end of October.

Music

The choirs will have a joint development session on November 10 with training from a local vocal coach. It is hoped that additional sessions to build on these lessons will be made available in future.

The proposal to involve members of the St. Ignatius High School choir in the 5:00pm Sunday Mass is receiving further consideration. Discussions among Tim Murphy, Mary Abernathy (SIHS) and Don Crean are ongoing, and an update will be provided at the next meeting.

Liturgical Ministries

Greeters

The Worship Committee was provided with a copy of the proposed Greeter Guidelines for information and suggestions. Comments can be provided to Barbara St. Marie. Two immediate comments were:

- Greeters should be directed not to chat with each other, but to focus on the congregants coming to Mass
- Greeters should also remind parishioners about hospitality as they leave services

Recruitment is going well, particularly for the 9:30am Mass. Additional help is needed for the 5:00pm Sunday Mass. Recommendations and volunteers can be directed to Barbara.

Training

There are several training opportunities for new lectors and Eucharistic ministers in October and November; sign up with Cynthia De Martini.

Don will remind these volunteers that they are responsible for finding their own substitutes when they cannot attend as scheduled.

Miscellaneous

Fr. Gerald O'Collins, SJ, will be lecturing on the legacy of John Paul II at St Ignatius on October 23, after the 9:30 Mass. All are encouraged to attend.

This is Hilary Paskowitz's last meeting, as she is traveling to Japan for educational purposes. The Committee thanked Hilary for her service, and looks forward to her return next year.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.