

## PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES MAY 19

Our Pastoral Council met from 4-5:30 PM on May 19. Everyone was present except Rebecca, Diana, and Bruce. Father Mark opened with a prayer to the Holy Spirit.

Mary Carmen Lopez-Mota proposed a Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group for the parish. She shared with us the encouragement of Popes and Bishop Golka for the Charismatic Renewal. She mentioned that previously, under Father Greg Bramledge, nearly 100 people attended the prayer group. The prayer group would meet twice a month. The Council welcomes more information, and we will invite Deacon Chuck Matzger, the Diocesan Liaison for the Charismatic Renewal, to join us at our next pastoral council meeting.

Another proposal was made to resume English as a Second Language Classes here. The Council supports the proposal. Contact with Catholic Charities will be made in order to provide instructors.

We reviewed the results of the May 2021 Parish Survey and observed progress in all areas. The Council desires to increase the hospitality ministry and Sunday opportunities for coffee & donuts. A sandwich-board that advertises the Sunday morning hospitality in Assisi Hall, along with directions, was recommended to help new parishioners find their way. Monthly breakfasts hosted by the Knights of Columbus, Hispanic Community, and Youth Group are encouraged to return.

A number of security issues were addressed and a proposal for an access gate, similar to the one at Mother Cabrini Shrine in Golden, was discussed. Increased traffic and new construction on the 5th Street hill were also noted as a concern. Vigilance and precaution were encouraged around the property, especially after dark.

Staff changes were mentioned. Father Homero will be returning to Peru. Father Chance Billmeyer will join us. Deacon Thomas Pressley will be working with us for two months this Summer. A new high school/young adult minister will be hired, along with an administrative assistant for sacramental records/data entry.

With Fr Homero leaving, Fr Mark will be responsible for Hispanic Ministry. An increasing number of Quinceañera Masses and Wedding Masses are being scheduled for Fridays and Saturdays. In reevaluating our priest personnel, the following changes will be made to the Mass, Confession, and Parish Office schedule effective July 1:

Weekday Masses (Monday thru Friday) will be at 8:00 AM  
No Weeknight Masses will be scheduled until Religious Education classes return in the Fall.  
Any other daily Mass intentions scheduled already will be celebrated by the priests in private, changed, transferred to Our Lady of Guadalupe, or returned.

Due to the increasing number of Friday and Saturday Wedding Masses, Quinceañera Masses, (and potential for Funeral Masses) there will be NO Friday evening and NO Saturday morning parish Masses. Any Mass intentions scheduled already may be changed, transferred to Our Lady of Guadalupe, or returned. Anyone wishing to make the First Friday or First Saturday Devotions may do so by attending one of the regularly scheduled Friday morning or Saturday Vigil Masses, or the Weddings, Quinceañeras, or Funeral Masses.

Weekday Confessions (Monday thru Friday) will be at 7:30 AM  
Saturday Confessions will continue with both priests from 4-5:15 PM  
Sunday Confessions will continue at 1:00 PM with one priest  
During Advent and Lent additional times for Confession will be scheduled Other Confessions may be scheduled by appointment

Parish Office will open at 9:00 AM. Close at 5:00 PM. (Monday-Friday)

A letter to Bishop Golka will be composed in order to begin our new capital campaign to pay-off our church debt and to complete a new ministry center on our property.

A parishioner has offered to donate a tapestry of Saint Joseph, similar to the one of Our Lady of Guadalupe. A proposal was made to move the current statues of Our Lady and the Sacred Heart of Jesus to make room for the new tapestries in their place. The statues of Our Lady and the Sacred Heart of Jesus will find worthy places on our property.

The next Pastoral and Finance Council meeting will be July 14 at 4 PM.

Rev. Mark Zacker