

Announcement of New Mass Schedule

Beginning next Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent, including the anticipated Mass on Saturday, Saturday evening Mass will be at 4:00 PM and on Sunday Mass will be at 9:30 AM.

There will not be Mass at 8:00 AM and at 11:00 AM.

You may be asking, “Why the change?”

The reasons for the change are as follows:

A review of the *Mass count for the month of October* reveals that there is no need for two Masses on Sunday. The numbers indicate that we are far from reaching our *capacity seating of 356 persons*. Even during this pandemic and flu season there is ample room to ensure social distancing.

Secondly, the results of the October Mass count have been shared with the *Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Staff*. They have been consulted regarding a change in Mass scheduling.

Thirdly, canon law allows priests to celebrate more than one Mass for a *just cause, or if pastoral necessity requires it*. Furthermore, the Apostolic See discourages the multiplication of Masses when a church is large enough to accommodate the faithful at a smaller number of Masses. The pastoral effort is weakened by multiple Masses because the participation of the faithful is diminished and the effectiveness of overworked priests is reduced.

Finally, after consulting with parishioners and praying for guidance of the Holy Spirit it is my prudential pastoral judgment that this will be best for the parish because it will not place an undue burden upon me as a Senior priest.

Baby Bottles

Please return the Right to Life baby bottles as soon as possible. Thank you!

Ladies Guild Meeting

The next Ladies Guild Meeting is December 6th at 2:00pm.
There will be a \$10 Gift exchange.