

MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

November, December, and January 2010



Dear Fellow Proclaimers,

As we approach the season of Advent, there are several things we need to be aware of in our preparations. The readings in the current Workbook for lectors and gospel readers conclude with the feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King on November 22, 2009. A new Workbook of Year C readings will be used for Sunday Masses beginning on November 29, the first Sunday of lent. The new Workbooks will be available in the working sacristy after all masses on October 24/25 and October 31/November 1. Please pick up the copy with your name on it.

I was not prepared, at the September 23rd Liturgy meeting, for the response to my comment that the number of 1 lector masses should be lessening due to the use of the contact information sheet by so many lectors for trading or obtaining a substitute. While Father was in general agreement, two members indicated that there was no lector at the previous Sunday's 5pm mass, and that the visiting priest had to do the readings, petitions, and announcements.

Be prepared. The committee decided **that a notice will be posted in the sacristy requesting that the sacristans announce, at the ambo 5 minutes before mass time, if a lector or an altar server is needed.** This request will be made even if one lector is available. So, as the Boy Scout motto goes, **be prepared.** I encourage a review of the readings by all of us before we attend a mass, in case a lector is needed. Please volunteer if a request is made.

Father has noted some areas in need of improvement. In addition to absenteeism and late arrivals, please remember that a mass is offered for one intention, as specified. Do not read all of the intentions listed for all the masses. Also, the ambo is used for the liturgy of the word. The hymns and the announcements are to be sung/read from the cantors stand. Finally, please remember to announce the page number where the 1st reading may be found, before proclaiming the 1st

reading. A review of the **Lector Checklist** before proclaiming at a mass is strongly recommended.

Our new lector is Dianne Asher. Dianne has previous experience in our ministry and we are fortunate to have her. Josh Bowen, Dan Mulvany, and Megan Scanlon are no longer listed in our ministry. Josh and his family have moved from our parish, we have been unable to contact Dan Mulvany, and Megan Scanlon is away attending college. Their past service to Queen is appreciated.

Congratulations to those of you who e-mailed me your available/unavailable mass times for this schedule. You saved yourselves some grief, should you have been scheduled when unavailable, and you were given consideration in any request to be a proclaimer at a scheduled mass. Our next schedule will include Lent, Holy Week, and the Easter services. If you know of your availability/unavailability for these services **I will schedule you accordingly, if you communicate your wishes to me before December 31.** Please remember that Father has the final say on who will proclaim at all services.

Proclaimers, I wish you all the joys of the Advent and Christmas season and want you to know that your sacrifices to enhance Queen's masses and our ministry are very much appreciated.

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Dear Eucharistic Ministers,

We want to welcome three new ministers: Michelle O'Connor, Nick and Maura Dombrowski. They begin this ministry with this new schedule.

I have had a couple of minister's contact me regarding the fact that the published schedule in the bulletin did

not agree exactly with the original schedule. Specifically, a minister's name was left off the schedule published in the bulletin. I don't have an explanation for this discrepancy, but I would ask you to follow the original schedule, unless you have been personally notified of a change.

We want to remind you to get a substitute, if you cannot make your scheduled mass. This is particularly important during the holiday season when many of our ministers may be out of town, and we have more masses to cover.

Our next schedule covers February, March and April, so this time period will include Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. Let us know by January 1st, if you have any special considerations.

Peace,

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Dear Greeters:

Attached is the new Greeter Schedule for **November, December and January**. It's hard to believe we are actually this close to the Holidays. I hope you all had a great summer and fall. In that I didn't hear from anyone with regard to masses they could not greet for, the computer will automatically assign greeters to the various Holy Day masses. **Please read your schedule as soon as you receive it** and be sure you can make your assigned mass schedule. If not, please call someone on the Roster (attached to this schedule) to get a sub. Don't wait until the last minute because it could be hard to find someone if they have already planned their activities. Please follow the week before to remind this individual(s) when and where they are subbing for you. Father and I and your fellow parishioners appreciate when you keep your assignment or get a sub. It's always nice and inviting when someone comes into church and is greeted with a **"smile and friendly hello"**. **Thank you again for CARING!**

Due to illness, Jeannie Phillips will be taken off this schedule. We all wish her well and will keep her in our prayers.

I would like to get an updated e-mail address for each of you if you have a computer. Those of you having computers or e-mail addresses please e-mail them to me at urich8633@sbcglobal.net.

Best wishes to you and your families for the holiday season. God Bless each of you.

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Join us for
Children's Church

Dear CLW Leaders,

Thank you for all you have done to get the new Children's Liturgy of the Word off to a great start. If you were not able to download the attachments in the earlier email, I do have hardcopies. If you would like a set, please let me know and I will make them available to you or I can resend them. There is one other new item stored in the closet.

That is a clear one inch binder containing: The Creed Cards, Liturgical Calendar with a list of Sundays for 2009-2010, and a few pages on procedures, etc. The binder is mainly a resource for any of us to use.

This Sunday in the parish bulletin you will notice another plea for volunteers to help with the CLW program. Please say a prayer we can get at least 4 more helpers.

After examining the last schedule cycle, I calculated some of you were listed as leaders much more often than others. Some of you were always helpers and rarely leaders. Therefore, I have asked, Sharon Schreiner, that I be allowed to make the schedule for CLW. Although this may be beneficial to me, as I will be able to plug in new helpers as soon as they are trained, but it may end up being inconvenient for your family. I know Sharon tries to schedule ministries so families attend the same mass. I certainly understand if you need to switch with other leaders and helpers. Please go ahead and do so as needed, just let me know.

Nine more weeks and we will begin Year C. I would like to have all books turned into me by Monday,

November 23, 2009. Please insert a slip of paper, with your name on it, into your book and place the book inside the storage closet. The new schedule is from October 4 through and including December 27, 2009. The schedules can be found in the storage closet as well.

God's grace and peace be yours,

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Thank you to all ministers who have chosen to pick up their schedules from the Sacristy on the weekends of Oct. 24-25 and Oct. 31-Nov. 1. The schedules requested by e-mail were e-mailed on October 26. Schedules **NOT PICKED UP**, will be left in the Sacristy. So **PLEASE** pick up your schedule.

A combined roster (all ministers) is included with this schedule. This roster includes: name, phone number, ministry, and order of Mass preferences.

This schedule contains the following Holy Days and one special day:

**Dec. 7 - 7:30 pm Immaculate Conception
Dec. 8 – 8:15 am Immaculate Conception
12:10 pm Immaculate Conception**

Dec. 12 – 4 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe

**Dec. 24 – 4 pm Christmas Eve - Main church
4 pm Christmas Eve – Father Carl**

Zawacky Center

7 pm Christmas Eve

10 pm Christmas Eve

Dec. 25 – 9 am Christmas Day

11 am Christmas Day

Dec. 31 – 5:30 pm New Year's Eve

Jan. 1 – 9 am New Year's Day

11 am New Year's Day

Be sure and check to see if you are scheduled for any of these special days and make sure you note the location of your 4 pm Mass on Christmas Eve.

Please check your schedule each week to see if you are scheduled. When you don't fulfill your obligation, it puts a burden on everyone else. If you are not able to fulfill your obligation, PLEASE GET A SUBSTITUTE.

Please call your COORDINATOR if you have a question about this schedule.

PLEASE let your coordinators know any special requests for the February, March and April schedule you may have by January 1. Below is a list of your coordinators:

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It has been suggested that everyone give their e-mail addresses to their coordinators to make it easier to communicate, in case there are last minute changes in routines. Twenty e-mails take less time than twenty phone calls.

If and when you happen to change your e-mail address, please let your coordinator and Sharon know so that they can make the appropriate changes also.