



Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Agenda March 18, 2021



Holy Cross Parish Mission

We are disciples of Jesus in the Roman Catholic tradition at Holy Cross Parish. Our welcoming and diverse community of faith, centered on the Eucharist, is committed to know, love, and serve God and neighbor.

Holy Cross Parish Vision

To be led by the Holy Spirit in serving as a beacon of faith, hope and love in our neighborhood.

Meeting Minutes

	Take Minutes	Matthew Insley
7:00 pm	Opening Prayer	Father Jim
	Reflection on John 3:14-21	Council Members
7:15 pm	Parishioner Survey	Father Vincent
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Fr Vincent has put together a survey to gauge parishioner needs during this time and moving forward. We will collect responses over several weeks (will be open indefinitely). Fr. Vincent will send it out starting Thursday, March 25. It will be available via the website, email newsletter, facebook link, and a hard copy in the bulletin.	
7:30 pm	Possible, occasional bilingual Sunday masses	Father Jim
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● There has been a bit of pressure (in a good sense) to try and respond to the needs of the Hispanic community. One reservation is that it may not be a permanent, depending who the pastor is.● Bilingual rather than a dedicated Spanish mass because we don't want separate communities.● Would we have a booklet with Spanish/English responses? Music? How would we make it easy for people to participate fully?● Starting with a 1x/month, probably 10:30am.● How do we make this feel authentic and essential? Can't just be a little Spanish added here and there for the sake of appearances.● Good initial conversation but obviously we need Spanish speakers to drive the conversation going forward.● Is it good to start an initiative that potentially we wouldn't be able to continue when Jim leaves?	

- Fear: would we hurt other parishes by offering this? Are families going to go to another (Spanish-speaking) parish three weeks and HC one?
- Can be a gift to our existing Spanish speakers and to English speakers; it can be good to have multiple lenses through which to see.
- Fr Vincent grew up in a parish where there was a Vietnamese mass, and he would personally not have appreciated a half-half mass. It would have been hard to do well; makes the “tacked on” nature of whichever part more obvious.
- Next step is having conversation with Spanish speakers currently at the parish; what would be their perspective? Is this an idea worth pursuing? **Fr. Jim will reach out individually to some core families and report back.**

8:00 pm Continued discussion on community building Council Members

- Socializing seems to be coming to the top; having donuts and coffee seems like a simple place to start.
- Easter egg hunt? School board decided to pass; should we do it as a parish?
- When is this point that we as a church feel comfortable hosting events, etc? The Bishop will give us our guidance. Fr. Jim has a feeling that the middle of June, with precautions in place.
- Tentatively, we plan to have a reception for Fr. John in mid-June, outside with precautions.

8:15 pm Good of the Parish Council Members

- It would be nice to know more of what’s going on with folks in the parish--if they’re sick, if they have a baby, if someone dies. It would be nice to be able to reach out to them or pray for them.
- We can print prayer requests and other events in the bulletin and/or email newsletter. We can print an encouragement for people to send in their announcements and prayer requests.
- Offer prayers in mass for those who are in need or celebrating. **Frs. Vincent and Jim will talk about it and see how they will incorporate some of these ideas.**

8:30 pm Next meeting April 22 (in place of April 15)

Adjourn

Closing Prayer:

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations. Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.