

# New Mass Times Starting in July

This is a follow up to the bulletin insert of May 27 regarding the need to change the Mass schedules of our two parishes to accommodate the appointment of Father Marc Paveglio as the one priest to be the new pastor of both parishes. As the assignment process unfolded, it has become increasingly unsure as to whether Father Marc will have any weekend help for even one Mass. That being the case, our two communities have to work together to set up a sustainable Mass schedule that one priest can fill, and any extra helping priest, whether for a long time or even for a short time, would be an extra blessing for us. Our two Parish Councils met together on Tuesday, May 22, to begin the conversation and offer proposals for a weekend schedule that would have four Masses instead of six.

Over the past two weeks the Council members have been available to listen to the concerns of the parishioners of both parishes. They are extremely grateful for your input and have great respect for your feedback. Together you are the voice of the Holy Spirit leading them to do what is best for our two communities in the face of a very difficult decision. The two Councils met together again this past Tuesday, June 5.

The hardest part of all this is that people will be displaced from their regular routine, their regular schedule, their regular Mass, and even their regular place to sit at Mass. Some of those people are the regular members of the congregation. Other are those who minister - lectors, Communion ministers, ushers, musicians, sacristans, and Mass coordinators. All of us, no matter which Mass we attend, need to extend a welcoming spirit to all those who come to worship, and especially to those who are at a Mass at a different time or even a different place. One point of consensus for the Council members was to establish ways to welcome the ministers of the Mass to serve at either parish if that is where they choose to attend Mass on any given weekend. The ministers can still be members of the parish of their choice even though they may serve at the other parish from time to time. Also, we will continue the current practice regarding stewardship donations - no matter which Mass you attend or at which parish church, your envelope or check will be returned to the parish that is named on the envelope or check. Unspecified cash donations will stay at the parish where they were donated. The bottom line is that there are not ~~%winners+~~and ~~%losers+~~when it comes to the new Mass schedule. Rather, it is the opportunity and the call to rebuild and strengthen our two very unique communities and at the same time find ways to welcome one another, work with one another, and support one another.

One other note is that the Councils found this exchange of information and ideas so good and so important that they indicated a desire to meet together on a regular basis, perhaps quarterly. That way they can continue to monitor our progress as a cluster and address any concerns that may arise.

The final decision on the Mass schedule leaves two Masses unchanged, two Masses at new times, and two Masses eliminated. Therefore, starting the weekend of July 7-8, the new schedule is:

**Saturday, 4:30pm at Saint Rose**

**Sunday, 9am at Saint Rose, with Sunday School the same time as Mass**

**Sunday, 10:30am at Corpus Christi, with Sunday School starting at 10am**

**Sunday, 6pm at Corpus Christi**

The weekday morning Mass schedule will also change because Father Marc prefers to name his day off as Monday. (Father Fitz preferred to take Thursday as his day off.) The weekday schedule will become:

**Monday, 8am Communion Service at Saint Rose**

**Tuesday, 8am Mass at Corpus Christi**

**Wednesday, 8am Mass at Saint Rose (sometimes School Mass)**

**Thursday, 8am Mass at Corpus Christi**

**Friday, 8am Mass at Saint Rose**

Father Marc will have to decide how to make the Sacrament of Reconciliation (regular weekly confessions) available at both parishes.