

Worship Meeting Agenda

(Editor's note: These agenda items provide a listing of possible topics to consider at the next parish liturgy committee meeting. Select the topics that will guide your preparations in the months ahead.)

BEGIN WITH PRAYER

- Begin prayer in the church, standing around a lighted paschal candle. Make the sign of the cross, and ask a lector to proclaim preface V of Easter (in *The Roman Missal*, Order of Mass, n. 49). All join in reciting the Holy, Holy, Holy.
- A lector proclaims John 17:20–26. The prayer leader then reads the paragraph under “Liturgy and Life” on p. 195 of *Sourcebook for Sundays, Seasons, and Weekdays 2024*. Close with the universal prayer and collect on the same page.
- With Pentecost approaching, provide copies of text and music for “Come Holy Ghost,” (Lambillotte, OCP) to all members and use YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eiS8lfGZkaw> as you stand and prayerfully sing the last two verses. Close with the Prayer to the Holy Spirit in the *Book of Blessings*, p. 191.

CONSIDER AND DECIDE

- May and June include many first Communions, graduations, weddings, confirmations, baptisms, and ordinations. Compile a list of upcoming events (noting the date, time, and location) and publish this information on the parish website and bulletin.
- Review and document feedback regarding the liturgies of the Triduum. For each day, consider: Who came to pray? Were liturgies well rehearsed and seamless? Was the schedule conducive to enabling the participation of many within the parish? What changes are needed for next year? Archive responses to consider for year C (2025).
- Support the maintenance and upkeep of the church sacristy. Share a copy of Elizabeth Kabacinski's article “Sacristy Spring Cleaning: Addressing Vessels Unsuitable for Liturgical Use” from this issue with sacristans, as well as a copy of *Guide for Sacristans, 3rd edition* (LTP).
- Ask two members to review Mary Beth Jambor's article “Eucharistic Hospitality for Those with Celiac Disease” in this issue. Invite them to prepare a summary for the next meeting, with the goal of expanding knowledge about Celiac disease and of making recommendations to assist the parish in providing eucharistic hospitality for all.
- For dioceses that celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension on Sunday, note that this year's celebration coincides with Mother's Day (May 12). Invite those who compose the universal prayer to be inclusive in considering all mothers (living and deceased) and those who serve in “mothering” roles.

- Prepare a special welcome script for the Solemnity of Pentecost. Remind parishioners that this is the last time the paschal candle will burn during Mass before it is moved to its location near the baptismal font. Finally, alert parishioners to the singing of the double alleluia at the end of Mass.

ANTICIPATING THE SEASON

- Vacation Bible School (VBS) is a prime evangelization opportunity for those who participate. Invite committee members to contribute by volunteering as leaders, providing food and helping hands, and securing musicians. Note any fundraising efforts that may happen after upcoming Masses.
- Celebrate the opening of summer by gathering liturgical ministry leaders and volunteers for a thank you dinner, picnic, or grill out. Include family groups and give thanks and praise to those who participate in parish ministry.
- Schedule two summer meetings to continue to prepare for the season's liturgies. Take time to discuss term limits for committee members (perhaps two or three years, renewable once). As members rotate off the worship committee, welcome new members to the group.
- Looking ahead to fall, be ready to assist pastoral leaders in fostering a renewed understanding of the initiation process. A new edition of the *Order of Christian Initiation of Adults* is coming soon. Foster the active involvement of the whole community in the initiation process by providing updated formation resources for the assembly as they become available.

SENDING FORTH

- In this month dedicated to Mary, begin by reading Luke 1:26–38. Follow by reciting two decades of the Rosary together.
- Begin with the sign of the cross. Invite participants to reflect quietly as a prayer leader reads from *Sacrosanctam concilium*, 47, 48, 51, 52, and 53. Conclude with the Divine Praises from *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers* (CHBP), 1988, p. 334.
- Using CHBP (see above), lead and pray the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, pp. 343–345.

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