

SS. ISIDORE AND MARIA TORRIBIA PARISH

The Weekend Mass Schedule

As the parish works to address the attendance and financial challenges facing us, the current weekend Mass schedule continues to be a source of comment. Last fall's town hall meetings regarding a proposed changed schedule were not followed up immediately, and then we were faced with the sudden financial crisis. When the Planning Committee held town hall meetings this spring to communicate about our attendance and finances, few came. Some of those who did participate expressed their dissatisfaction with Mass times. In response to concerns, we are reviewing the Mass schedule again.

With one priest, the parish is limited to two Saturday evening and two Sunday Masses. *Why can't there be 3 Masses on Sunday?* The primary principle in Canon Law and Liturgical Law presumes that an entire parish will gather for a single celebration of the Eucharist on a Sunday. A second principle provides for a relaxation of the first based on need. Permission has been readily given for two Masses in a single day. Under certain conditions, the Bishop can give permission for a third Mass to a priest to celebrate, not to a parish to schedule. **Necessity is not the same as convenience.**

The significant decrease in collections since last summer was not caused by the move to 4 weekend Masses. However, in response to parishioner feedback, the Planning Committee generated and discussed many possible Mass scenarios. On May 29th these were reduced to three:

1. The current schedule: Saturday--4:00 pm (St. Joseph) and 5:30 pm (St. Catherine), Sunday--9:00 am (St. Catherine) and 11:00 am (St. Stanislaus).
2. A slight modification allowing Fr. Pat and Dcn. Doug sufficient time to travel from St. Joseph to St. Catherine on Saturday evenings: Saturday--4:00 pm (St. Joseph) and 6:00 pm (St. Catherine), Sunday--9:00 am (St. Catherine) and 11:00 am (St. Stanislaus).
3. Two Masses at St. Joseph's, the center of the parish: Saturday--4:00 pm (St. Joseph) and 6:00 pm (St. Catherine), Sunday--9:00 am (St. Joseph) and 11:00 am (St. Stanislaus).

What input is needed from parishioners and by when? Please look at each of the proposed schedules and the Mass attendance information on the other side of this bulletin insert. Identify the advantages (pros) and disadvantages (cons) of each schedule, including the current one. By Sunday, June 9, please submit your pros and cons via email or regular mail to the parish office or place your input in the collection basket the weekend of June 8-9. Please be specific regarding what you see as a pro or con for any of the three options. For example, an advantage of the current schedule is that people have gotten used to it. A disadvantage of the current schedule is that Fr. Pat and Dcn. Doug sometimes arrive late to St. Catherine on Saturday evenings.

Father Pat, Deacon Doug, and the Parish Council will make a decision at the June Council meeting.

No schedule will please everyone. Any change in a Mass schedule is a risk. It is our hope that you will be open and that the Lord will guide us as a parish in making the right decision to revitalize our parish. Therefore, please join us in prayer to the Holy Spirit for guidance and wisdom.

Saints Isidore & Maria Torribia Average Weekly Mass Attendance by Year

Church	Capacity	Day	Time	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
St. Catherine of Siena, Addison	250	Saturday	5:00 PM			72	76		
St. Catherine of Siena, Addison	250	Saturday	5:15 PM	102	81				
St. Catherine of Siena, Addison	250	Sunday	5:30 PM					59	52
St. Catherine of Siena, Addison	250	Saturday	9:00 AM					105	89
St. Catherine of Siena, Addison	250	Sunday	10:00 AM			151	142		
St. Catherine of Siena, Addison	250	Sunday	10:30 AM	130	151				
St. Stanislaus, Bradford	150	Saturday	5:30 PM			70	52		
St. Stanislaus, Bradford	150	Saturday	7:00 PM	48	54				
St. Stanislaus, Bradford (Jun-Sep)	150	Sunday	8:00 AM	unknown	80	unknown			
St. Stanislaus, Bradford	150	Sunday	11:00 AM			58	67	90	89
St. Stanislaus, Bradford	150	Sunday	12:15 PM	81	70				
St. Joseph, Campbell	175	Saturday	4:00 PM	118	119	119	117	133	121
St. Joseph, Campbell	175	Sunday	9:00 AM	111	103	98	96		

Average Weekly Attendance: 614 602 592 550 387 351
 (2014-16 adjusted for seasonal 8:00 seasonal Mass)
 (2014 and 2016 numbers are October counts only)

Saints Isidore & Maria Average Weekly Mass Attendance by Month (2015, 2017 & 2018 only)

Church	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
St. Catherine of Siena, Addison	2015	206	182	269	273	236	231	190	214	243	223	256	261
St. Stanislaus, Bradford	2015	114	95	126	126	172	197	231	206	194	140	146	136
St. Joseph, Campbell	2015	226	200	231	232	208	210	204	205	226	236	236	241
St. Catherine of Siena, Addison	2017	218	201	212	260	224	213	187	199	193	204	231	280
St. Stanislaus, Bradford	2017	97	89	95	108	142	146	152	152	125	118	99	100
St. Joseph, Campbell	2017	213	202	213	237	203	205	174	209	222	216	218	213
St. Catherine of Siena, Addison	2018	174	166	191	218	194	156	145	134	146	170	153	176
St. Stanislaus, Bradford	2018	82	83	81	91	105	104	99	94	90	86	73	92
St. Joseph, Campbell	2018	145	184	136	142	123	124	120	131	127	123	126	129
St. Catherine of Siena, Addison	2019	115	136	128	173								
St. Stanislaus, Bradford	2019	62	83	91	112								
St. Joseph, Campbell	2019	127	113	125	116								