

Notes from the Music & Liturgy Guy

June 21, 2017

Unavailable Dates – Deadline for Next Schedule - EARLY

Please provide unavailable dates for September / October no later than August 10, as I have to travel a bit in August. As summer ends and school begins, watch out for those first-time events and organizational meetings.

Training Dates for 2017

Due to some schedule conflicts, funerals, broken glasses and a touch of ill health, I do not have the training schedule for 2017-18 ready yet. I hope to have this done very shortly, so I will post this on the rolling kiosks in the foyer, the cork board in the vesting sacristy (above the sign-in sheets), and on the web site. As always, I will publish the upcoming dates 2-3 weeks in advance in the Sunday bulletin.

Upcoming Events

August 1 / 2: Transfiguration of the Lord ó Falls on a SUNDAY this year, replacing 18th Ord. Time.

August 14 / 15: Assumption of the BVM ó Falls on Tuesday, so this Holy Day is Obligatory this year.

Warm Weather and Clothing Choices

Please remember that our obligation to lead by example does not change with the weather. ;-) As ministers in the church, we must provide good leadership not only in our participation and behavior but also our state of dress. Many Saints have commented over the centuries how modesty is an act of service and charity to others, as it allows those around us to focus without distraction. *Therefore, when you select your clothes for Mass, please keep modesty and reverence in mind, not just adequate ventilation.*

Also keep in mind that your clothing choices should reflect safety—yours and others. Servers will be handling candles, lighters, and other object that require their full attention. Readers, EMHCs and Servers will be going up and down steps that can catch on the front of flip-flops. Part of preventing distraction is preventing your own injury and the injury of anyone nearby, so take a minute to think about how the footwear and loose clothing you select might impact your safety!

Cell Phone Reminder and Plea / Request

As we enter the summer months, more people will have events planned with family and friends. Therefore, I would like to offer this gentle reminder. *Unless your occupation requires that you carry an emergency pager or phone (police, fire, rescue, medical, etc.), ministers should leave their cell phones in their vehicles or at home.* I know that many people feel naked without their cell phone. However, if we really value our relationship with Christ above all things, then we should be willing to make this small sacrifice for the good of everyone. Our ministers do a pretty good job with this overall, so keep up the good work and the good example, and *encourage other parishioners to consider this as well!*

Ministry Notes / Reminders

Altar Servers ó (a) Make sure that you are selecting the correctly-sized alb. I am seeing an awful lot of Servers with albs that come up to their knees. Remember that as you get older, you do get taller. ;-) Be sure that you are selecting an alb that reaches your ankles, not your knees. **(b) Remember that the Roman Missal needs to be held where the priest can read it—hold it higher.** Resist the urge to hold it where it is comfortable for you—the priest may not have the eyesight to read that far. Also, make sure it's right-side up first. ;-)

Hoping to get a modicum of vacation time in before things get crazy again,
Paul