

# Notes from the Music & Liturgy Guy

October 5, 2017

## Unavailable Dates – Deadline for Next Schedule

**Please provide unavailable dates for January / February no later than December 10—NOTE THE DATE.**

Lent (February 14<sup>th</sup> yes, Valentine's Day) and Easter (April 1<sup>st</sup> yes, April Fool's Day) fall early this year, so **check those dates carefully and let me know if you need some vacation time!**

## Holy Day / Special Mass Schedule – Upcoming Dates

\* **All Saints Day** ó Vigil ó Tuesday, Oct. 31 at 7:00 PM (remember, this is Halloween ó All Hallow's Eve!)  
Feast Day ó Wednesday, Nov. 1 at 8:00 AM (w/ OLLIS), Noon (w/ OLLIS), and 5:30 PM

*NOTE: Extra EMHC help is usually needed at the OLLIS student Masses!*

\* **Mass of Remembrance (Commemoration of the Faithful Departed from our parish and our families)**  
Thursday, Nov. 2 at 7:00 PM

\* **Thanksgiving Day Mass** (no Vigil the previous night ó this is not a Holy Day)  
Thursday, Nov. 23 ó Musicians needed for 8:00 AM Mass only ó contact Paul for details

\* **Group Confirmation (with Bishop Gaydos)**  
Sunday, Dec. 3 at 4:00 PM ó Music provided by OLL Choir, but Tonya may need other ministers

\* **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the BVM**  
Vigil ó Thursday, Dec. 7 at 7:00 PM  
Feast Day ó Friday, Dec. 8 at 8:00 AM (w/ OLLIS), Noon (w/ OLLIS), and 5:30 PM

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## Christmas / New Year's Mass Schedule – IMPORANT!

The schedule for Christmas and the Feast of Mary, Mother of God (on New Year's Day) is crazy this year, as **Christmas Eve falls on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent—NO BREAK** ó and Mary, Mother of God is not Obligatory (falls on Monday). Due to the timing of Christmas Eve, **we need all hands on deck, as the "Christmas Overlap" is always a problem with scheduling!**

**Sunday, December 24:** 5:00 PM Christmas Vigil ó We will celebrate 2 Masses simultaneously (Church and Hall)  
7:00 PM Christmas Vigil ó Celebrated in Church  
Midnight Christmas Vigil ó Celebrated in Church

**Monday, December 25:** 8:30 and 10:00 AM only (Normal Christmas Day schedule)

**Sunday, December 31:** 5:30 PM Vigil Mass for the Vigil ó **Will check w/ Fr. Chris—not Obligatory this year**  
**Monday, January 1:** 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 AM for the Feast Day ó **Will check—not Obligatory**

Please contact me if you are willing and able to help on Christmas especially, as this will be tough to fill!

## Upcoming Training Dates for 2016-17

At this point, these dates appear firm, so please mark your calendars in advance:

- 1) **Unless otherwise directed, ministers should meet in the church.**
- 2) EMHCs ó If you require training and commissioning, please pay close attention to the Commissioning Weekends, as we cannot schedule a ómake-upö commissioning outside of Mass.

### Trainings (new / returning)

*(Readers, Hospitality / Offertory Ministers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion)*

Jan.: 28 SU 1:00 pm / 3:00 pm (HM / OM / R at 1:00 PM, EMHC at 3:00)

Apr.: 16 / 17 MO / TU 6:00 ó 8:00 pm (EMHC on Monday)

EMHC Commissioning (normally offered *during* all regular weekend Masses ó **cannot be outside of Mass**)

Oct.: 21 / 22

Feb.: 10 / 11

May: 5 / 6

Beginner Altar Server Trainings (for TU/TH months, both sessions required for ministers to be scheduled)

Jan.: 16 / 18 TU and TH 6:30 ó 8:00 pm Church

Apr.: 24 / 26 TU and TH 6:30 ó 8:00 pm Church (after Easter)

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## Altar Server Appreciation Party – Saturday, November 4, 10:00 – Noon

As a thank-you to all of the Servers who have helped out this year, the Parish has organized an appreciation party. Drinks and pizza will be provided. **RSVP NO LATER THAN MONDAY, OCTOBER 30** to Paul Fell (me) at 445-7915 x1137 or [musicliturgy@ourladyoflourdes.org](mailto:musicliturgy@ourladyoflourdes.org). *Additional details were provided via email*, so check there for further information. PARENTS: I will need chaperones for this event, so refer to the separate email on this.

## Ministry Reminders

There are a few things that I wanted to remind everyone about, as I've noticed some procedural issues over the summertime.

## Altar Servers

- 1) ***When the Prayers of the Faithful are completed and the Preparation Hymn begins, do NOT sit down.*** You should immediately begin setting up the altar (Experienced Servers) or retrieve the Throne for the Book of the Gospels from the front of the altar (Beginning Servers). Setting up the altar takes a bit of time, so you should start this process as soon as the priest concludes the Prayers of the Faithful.
- 2) Not too long ago, we ordered complete sets of really nice albs so that everyone looks good for Mass. With this in mind, ***please remember to show respect for these garments that are only used for Mass and hang them up properly when you are finished serving.***
- 3) When you are leaving the sanctuary at the end of Mass, please remember that ***you should face the altar until the priest bows and turns to head down the aisle.*** Until the priest bows and turns, the focus of the Mass is still the altar, so keep facing that direction.

## Hospitality Ministers

The new Cry Room speakers appear to be working well, so here's a review of what has been done:

- 1) Just inside the right-hand side of the closet is an outlet with a lighted switch – this controls the amplifier. Please see the note on the door about turning this on and off at various Mass times. Also, be sure to check this switch both before and after each Mass, just in case someone has flipped it.
- 2) The knob on the outside wall still works. A setting of 8-9 is usually good. You can go to 10 if needed, but that can be too loud if a priest / deacon / Reader is good at projecting their voice into the mic.
- 3) If you run into any problems, please contact me with as much detail as possible. The sound tech described a few things we can / cannot do, so please refrain from adjusting anything on the amp.

## Musicians / Accompanists

Due to the Christmas Overlap, the usual collection of Holy Days and various other items outside my control, this schedule is a little more chaotic than normal, so please bear with me. I have tried not to force people into non-preferred slots or into taking doubles on a single weekend. If you can help with any of the open positions, that would be wonderful! If you can't, but you can swap with someone who could, that is equally good. For this two-month period at least, we may need to be a bit more creative than usual to get things covered. Thanks, everyone, for your help and your flexibility.

## Personal Notes / Update on Dorothy, my Mother-in-Law

Thanks to those of you who have been checking in on Dorothy. After moving out of the Terrace, Dorothy is now a bit more settled at Bethel Ridge. While there are a few advantages, she now lives further away from us, so running back and forth takes more effort and time, which is harder on our collective schedule. As we approach the Mass of Remembrance and All Souls Day, we continue to miss Al, but we appreciate the ongoing support from the parish community. Thanks to everyone who continues to ask about and to pray for our family. ☺