

Worship Meeting Agenda

May | June 2025

(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

- Invite a lector to proclaim Matthew 12:46–50 (no. 1002, Votive Mass of Our Lady, Queen of the Apostles). Provide a copy of the responsorial psalm for each person. Recite together, then conclude with “Mary, Mother of God and our Mother,” with all present responding, “Pray for us.”
- Christ is with us until the end of time, a truth emphasized by Pope Francis in designating 2025 as a Jubilee Year of Hope. Make the sign of the cross and sing with the YouTube recording (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BP1ecUkOTB8>) or provide accompaniment for “Lord of All Hopefulness” (text: Struther, tune: SLANE, ©1975 Hope Publishing Co.).
- The USCCB offers a printable version of a litany of the Blessed Mother and intercessions in Spanish (online at Letania e intercesiones Maria, Madre de la Vida <https://www.usccb.org/es/recursos/nfp-litany-mary-mother-life-spanish>). For English, lead and recite the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary (no. 41 from Order of Crowning an Image of the Blessed Virgin Mary). Make certain to include the prayer following the litany, just before no. 42.

EVALUATE AND ARCHIVE

- Ask for feedback and record reflections about the end of Lent and the season of Easter. Consider Holy Week, the Sacred Paschal Triduum, the seasonal environment, liturgical catechesis, and use of the *Order of Christian Initiation of Adults*. Invite commendations and recommendations as you catalog responses.
- Check in with the art and environment leaders: Are there photos of Lent and Holy Week to save? Was the budget sufficient for the fifty days of Easter? What other support would be helpful in their continued ministry?
- Consider parishioners’ participation in the sacrament of penance during Lent. Are further opportunities for catechesis or celebrating the sacrament needed at this time?

ANTICIPATE AND PLAN

- May and June are “milestone” months connected with first Communions, Mother’s Day, graduations, Father’s Day, confirmations, and May crowning. Anticipate blessings for these important groups, ensuring sensitivity in language where needed. For example, on Mother’s day, you might consider a petition to include those who have lost a child, those who have mothered as educators, and so on.

- Review your summer meeting schedule, revising if necessary. Advocate for at least two meetings, reminding members that the liturgical year continues during the summer.
- Discuss whether parishioners are informed and interested in beginning to pray in devotional ways. Would Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours) be an option to consider? Is there an interest in praying the Rosary regularly at the church? Is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament possible, perhaps on a weekday evening, with Benediction? Solicit other recommendations and revisit at the next meeting.
- Plan to offer catechesis regarding the liturgies on Pentecost, the Most Holy Trinity, and the Body and Blood of Christ. Ask schedulers to check for adequate numbers of liturgical ministers for each of these solemnities.
- Share n. 37 of *Sacrosanctum concilium*, then carefully discuss how it affects the universal prayer at parish Mass. Ask: What is the purpose of this prayer? What resource is used to compose this prayer? Is there attention to the particular needs of this parish and these parishioners? Review some of the universal prayers using the *Sourcebook for Sundays, Seasons, and Weekdays 2025* (LTP) as a starting point for discussion.

SENDING FORTH

- Gather around the lighted paschal candle in church, and make the sign of the cross. Using a hymnal or YouTube version, sing “Healing River of the Spirit” (text: R. Duck, tune: BEACH SPRING ©1978, LBW) or “Come, Holy Ghost” (tune: LAMBILLOTTE © GIA Publications, 1986). Conclude by reciting the Prayer to the Holy Spirit (*Book of Blessings*, no. 552).
- Invite the Blessed Mother’s guidance in your ministry as you recite two decades of the Rosary, asking members to finish the Rosary during the coming week.
- Begin with the sign of the cross, followed by the Lord’s Prayer. Use the *Sourcebook for Sundays, Seasons, and Weekdays 2025* (LTP) p. 209, and pray the universal prayer with the response indicated. Extend a heartfelt sign of peace to each individual.

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