

Worship Meeting Agenda

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

OPENING PRAYER

- Gather members for prayer, using the call/response of “Digo ‘Si,’ Señor / I Say ‘Yes,’ Lord” (GIA Publications ©1989, Donna Peña, author; Kate Cuddy, Marty Haugen, arranger). Use <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6V0mU2KQmuU> as the group sings of hope for change, and of faith.
- Labor Day celebrates the economic contributions of workers. For people in your parish, who lack meaningful employment, pray the Universal Prayer in *Sourcebook for Sundays, Seasons, and Weekdays 2022*, p. 325. Conclude with the Lord’s Prayer.
- Ask each member to bring a favorite cross and place each cross near the center of the table. From *A Liturgy Sourcebook* (Gabe Huck, editor; LTP, 1994), read Romano Guardini’s reflection that begins on page 74. Allow one minute of quiet and then read the last paragraph again. Conclude with the sign of the cross.

SHAPING NEEDS, TAKING ACTION

- Propose an organized and detailed agenda, especially if the group has met only sporadically during the summer months. Take notes as you dialogue with the group. Ask and respond: Which liturgical ministers need a skill and spiritual update this fall? Which liturgical ministries need to invite more volunteers? Do the hospitality and greeter ministers understand their importance in welcoming, including welcoming people back to the worshipping assembly?
- Select a weekend in early fall to praise and pray for the music ministers, using the bulletin, the parish website, and perhaps even a sign in the narthex.
- Share thoughts regarding those groups who might be missing from the congregation since the pandemic began. Plan outdoor signage that changes every six weeks, with a theme of “welcome” for the next twelve months. An example: St. Claudia Parish is a welcoming place to worship God and serve others!
- Support the Christian initiation team as they seek sponsors for catechumens and provide a list of online opportunities so that they might refresh and renew their ministry. Is there a local leader or diocesan director who might minister to these ministers in a morning or evening of prayer and formation? Point the team toward LTP videos on the Catechumeneon website (<https://catechumeneon.org/books-and-videos>) that will update their ministry skill and increase understanding of the initiation process.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR

- Consider publishing a monthly calendar of all parish activities on the website. Use a standard template for this and invite a tech-savvy parishioner to take this responsibility on as a ministry.
- Anticipate the Solemnity of All Saints and ask the art/environment leaders to consider budget needs for this celebration. Provide or create a remembrance of the solemnity, perhaps a holy card or a small pocket cross.
- Encourage leaders who are responsible for funeral planning and bereavement to coordinate a welcoming prayer and reception for those whose loved one died since November 2021. Schedule a prayer service well in advance, or possibly schedule two occasions for bereavement prayer at the parish.
- Make certain that the Christmas Mass schedule is set early and that it is available to the parish. Announce that parishioners can volunteer now for liturgical ministries for those Masses.
- Plan a morning of liturgical catechesis on the Advent/Christmas season. Use the infancy narratives (Luke 1:5—2:20 for scriptural context. Conclude with “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” to emphasize the proclamation in the text: “born that we no more may die . . . born to give us second birth.” Send participants home with a copy of “Radiant with Splendor: The Masses of Christmas,” by Nathan Chase, which may be downloaded from the *Pastoral Liturgy*® website.

SENDING FORTH IN HOPE

- For a closing reflection on discipleship and mission, use the YouTube video with music <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kfLUubUFBNE>, “Come With Me Into the Fields” (Dan Schutte, OCP album *Neither Silver Nor Gold*, 1974).
- From chapter 6-I of the *Book of Blessings*, pray the intercessions n. 564. Move to the text of n. 568 as a blessing for the group.
- Pray one decade of the Rosary and ask participants to finish the Rosary with their individual intention.

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