

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI LITURGY COMMITTEE
SUMMARY OF MEETING ON JULY 8, 2025

The liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the church is directed; it is also the source from which all its power flows. (SC #10)

Reflect

- Pentecost – The Sequence procession at 11:30 and Prayer of the Faithful in other languages at both Masses were done well. The ribbons on the mobile needed to be arranged more attractively.
- The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – Procession at the end of the 11:30 Mass was nicely done, except the assembly was not familiar with the response during Benediction. Perhaps a worship aid insert will help when Exposition / Benediction is planned.

Plan / Celebrate

Summer Ordinary Time

- Reviewed the Gospel readings for Summer Ordinary Time.
- Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Friday, August 15, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass at 7:00 p.m.

Other Things to Consider

- Pat suggested singing a more familiar Marian hymn during the May Crowning ritual to encourage participation.
- Discussed the possibility of a Volunteer Appreciation Evening – perhaps a weekday evening with celebration of Mass and a Prayer of Committal. Maybe work with Leadership Team on this.
- Discussion about possible speakers for Morning of Reflection for Liturgical Ministers. Perhaps ask Doug Cluxton about speaker they retained for Pastoral Council. Father Antony may still be out of town; anticipates arriving back either Friday evening or Saturday morning.
- Suggestion about including an instruction in the worship aid about bowing during the Creed as we do about striking breast during Confiteor.
- Counting hosts for consecration – Father asked that we add 30 hosts to the count of people attending Sunday Masses to be sure there are sufficient consecrated hosts in the tabernacle.

Calendar Issues

- St. Francis of Assisi Patronal Feast – Father said we should keep both Masses and have the annual picnic following the 11:00 Mass instead of having just one Mass at 10:00.
- All Saints Day – On Saturday this year, so not a Holy Day of Obligation. We will celebrate the Vigil Mass at the regular 6:00 p.m. Mass on Friday.
- All Souls Day – On Sunday this year. There are several permitted readings for this Commemoration, so we will print the *Ordo* readings and place them in the black binder instead of using the *Lectionary for Mass*. Also, we will do the annual memorial ritual on All Souls Day, instead of All Saints Day.

- Immaculation Conception – on Monday this year and a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass at 7:00 p.m. Fr. Antony and Fr. Reddy will renew their religious vows. Also we will offer the Immaculate Conception Novena each evening at 6:30 beginning Saturday, November 29. We will need to publicize the Novena well in order to encourage good attendance.
- Christmas Masses – We will go back to Masses at 5:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve and 10:00 a.m. on Christmas Day.
- Mary, Mother of God – On Thursday this year, and a Holy Day of Obligation. 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Schedule of meetings (second Tuesday of the month)

August 12, 2025

September 9, 2025

October 14, 2025

November 11, 2025

December 9, 2025