

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2025

Attendees: Doug, Joanna, Rachel, Ali, Steve, Fr. Antony, Armando, Tina

1. Opening Prayer

Father Antony opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Review of Minutes of October Meeting

The minutes from the October meeting were reviewed and approved by all members present.

3. Debrief of Pilgrimage Trip

Council members shared their reflections and experiences from the recent pilgrimage.

Discussion included the spiritual impact of the journey and suggestions for future pilgrimages.

4. Discussion of October Franciscan Charism Efforts

The council reviewed feedback from parishioners regarding October's creation-centered initiatives, including:

- Creation-centered petitions
- The Laudato Si' bulletin insert
- The Mass for the Care of Creation

Parishioners responded favorably to these efforts, and prayers were offered in thanksgiving.

5. Outcomes from Commitment Sunday

Doug reported on the parish membership registrations from Commitment Sunday, noting 20 new members joined the parish community.

6. Opportunities to Promote Increased Awareness of Pastoral Council

The council discussed ways to raise awareness of Pastoral Council initiatives among parishioners. It was decided to write welcome notes to new members to introduce them to the council's role and invite their participation in various ministries.

7. Lenten Soup Suppers

Tina presented plans for Lenten Soup Suppers. The council discussed whether it is time for the Pastoral Council to take charge of organizing this annual event.

8. Spring Election of Pastoral Council Members

Father Antony led a discussion on the upcoming spring election, including:

- Intentions of current PC members regarding re-election
- Number of vacancies to fill
- Timeline and election details per current by-laws

The council discussed soliciting nominations from the parish for new Pastoral Council members.

9. Frequency of PC Meetings

Father Antony indicated he did not think that monthly PC meetings are necessary as there needs to be more substantial business to warrant a meeting each month. He suggested moving to quarterly meetings. Some Council members expressed that they believed that would be too infrequent and a suggestion was made to meet every other month. This change was adopted. There will be no January meeting, and our next meeting will be Feb. 3 with future meetings every other month, i.e. April 7, June 2, August 4, October 6, and December 1, 2026.

10. Announcements

Father Antony suggested reminding those who create the Prayer of the Faithful petitions for Masses to include prayers for those who are in the hospital or ill, and to have an announcement at the end of the Call to Worship/Welcome to remind all those present to please turn off cell phones during Mass.

11. Next Meeting

The next Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 3, 2026.

12. Closing Prayer

All members joined in the Jubilee Prayer to conclude