

Notes PPC Meeting January 12, 2026

Attending: Fr. Joe Lê, Annette Fox, Art Blumberg, Thang Dinh, Reid Mackin, Cecelia Tran, Anabel Yuen

This special meeting was held to discuss the reception that will follow the Parish Feast Day Mass on Monday, February 2, 2026. The Mass will be bilingual in English and Vietnamese. Time of the Mass has been moved from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. so that more people can attend.

We expect lighter attendance than last year because the Mass is on Monday. Expected attendance is around 200-225 people.

Annette will talk to Jim about set-up. If there are no other activities in the gym, tables will remain in place from the Santo Niño celebration.

We will need people on the day of the celebration to set up tablecloths, serving utensils, steam tables, and all other necessary items. Anabel will set up a simple centerpiece on every table.

Art will coordinate with Dengeo's for the food. We will serve chicken skewers, tilapia, mixed vegetables, salad, and fresh fruit. Anabel will coordinate for the fresh fruit. We will serve water and soft drinks. Art will work with Jim Sampson to pick up these up.

We will need people to serve food and drink. Our goal is to reach out to people from all of our communities for servers.

Breakdown will happen as usual – those in attendance will help.

Anabel will talk to Ronabel about designing a poster and further publicity.

Other business:

Fr. Joe has spoken with Graziano Marcheschi who will conduct the English Parish Mission. He will speak at Masses on Sunday, March 8. Mr. Marcheschi will conduct the Mission on March 9 and 10 along with his wife. March 11 will be a prayer service and parish confessions. Fr. Joe will publicize this to other parishes in the Deanery.

Fr. Joe is reaching out to other priests to preside at Mass to help him with his workload.

Fr. Joe relayed a proposal first made by a person in the Vietnamese community regarding wakes and services. The proposal is that the wakes and services take place at HCJP on the Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. before the Funeral Mass on Saturday, rather than at Midtown Funeral Home. There are three benefits to this. First, there are often large groups of mourners, and it is difficult for Midtown to accommodate so many people. Second, having the wake in church can help with evangelization. Third, Midtown will pay HCJP \$1000 for use of our space. Fr. Joe asked that we consider this proposal. Annette asked that it be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the PPC on Tuesday, March 3. Art suggested that we consider adding an additional

\$100 fee for the non-Vietnamese visitations in church. The parish will waive fees for those families in financial hardship and use Holy Hands funds to cover the fees.

Next meeting of the PPC will be on Tuesday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m. in Colletti Hall.