

CHANGES COMING TO MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULES WHY? WHEN? HOW?

WHY ARE MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULES CHANGING?

From the onset of *On Mission for the Church Alive!* our prayer has been, “help us to fulfill the mission of Jesus through vibrant parishes and effective ministries.” One element of a vibrant parish is vibrant liturgy.

HOW WERE THE SCHEDULES MADE?

The interim Mass schedule was created by the incoming clergy team in consultation with current pastors and Regional Vicars. Feedback from parishioners and advisory councils, on the interim Mass schedule, will be gathered within six months after implementation begins. Depending on local customs or needs, each grouping will determine the best way to collect feedback from parishioners.

The interim Mass schedules were guided in part by the following:

- 1) Adherence to no more than 3 Masses per priest assigned to the grouping, per weekend. This includes Saturday vigil and Sunday Masses.
- 2) Attendance trends for the current Mass schedules
- 3) Seating capacity of the churches
- 4) Religious Education schedules
- 5) Particular pastoral needs of the grouping
- 6) Insuring adequate travel time between Masses for priests

WHEN WILL THE SCHEDULES BE PUBLISHED AND TAKE EFFECT?

The interim Mass schedules will be published in late-August/early-September.

The schedules will be posted:

- 1) In the churches and other buildings of the parish;
- 2) In the bulletins;
- 3) On the diocesan website;
- 4) In the Pittsburgh Catholic;
- 5) A letter will be sent to registered parishioners.

PLEASE NOTE that the Mass and Confession schedule changes will take effect **October 15, 2018.**

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