

## St. John's Pastoral Council

### Members 2023-24

Fr. Temo Ramírez, Pastor

Steve Duncan, 2024-2026

Laura Jackson, 2023-26

Cassandra Elizalde, 2023-26

Helen MacDonald, 2024-27

Jorge Flores, Vice-Chair, 2023-26

Tyler Saty, 2024-27

John Gent, 2024-27

Helen Sheerin, Chair, 2022-25

Jacqueline Hemmer, 2024-25

Colleen Torrens, 2023-2026

Ann Makar, Recording Secretary

### Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2024

All council members. Also attending were Lori Jimerson, Aidé Véliz, Angelita Herrera, and Fernando Paz. Fr. Temo offered an opening prayer at 6:09. The minutes from the October 20 meeting were approved as amended.

#### Pastoral Report

Lori distributed sheets listing the dates of masses, *posadas*, and cultural events to be celebrated in December. The calendar is in advanced draft form. There will be a 5 PM mass in Spanish Sunday, Dec. 8, but no 7 PM mass. Deacon Steve Reeves will lead an Advent day of reflection 12:30-3:30 Saturday, Dec. 14.

A new light pole will be installed next week to provide light south of the classrooms. The furnace serving rooms A-D is out of order, so two new heat pumps will serve them, and the HVAC company will provide us an energy rebate to help offset costs. The company said we can expect to save 50% on heating costs by replacing the furnace with heat pumps.

Non-working lights above the altar in the sanctuary will be replaced with soft LED lighting Nov. 26 and 27, so morning liturgies will take place in room K. We will receive a rebate after the lights are installed.

The parish annual report for fiscal year 2023-24 was published in the bulletin the second weekend of November and is posted on the parish website. Staff have been considering ways to keep costs down. Kathy Sheppard will soon be employed

by another parish, resulting in a decrease in staffing expenses for St. John's. We appreciate and thank Kathy for her service, and we wish her well in the new job.

Among the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion serving at Fr. Temo's installation Mass Nov. 16 are representatives of all five family parishes.

The kermés (kermesse) in September produced total income of \$7,318.25. It was first presented as a fundraiser for PREPARES, but this message evolved. Members of several ministries worked as volunteers to make the event an enjoyable success. Fr. Temo decided that the various ministries should be offered to share in the revenue. Lori developed a formula to split the funds and will offer them to the various ministries.

It's essential to check all doors that should be locked. Two times people have been found on campus in the middle of the night.

### Liaison Reports

John shared that Randy Krebs told him there are about a dozen people attending Divine Mercy prayers at 6 PM Wednesdays.

Lee Santoyo is the contact person for the finance council, which meets quarterly. The next meeting will be Monday, January 20.

For other reports, please see addenda.

### Old Business

Regarding the ministry fair, we can consider separating it in time from the virtual cemetery. Colleen suggests we group like ministries together and offer a mini-fair in the narthex over a period of weeks, rather than hosting one weekend for all ministries in the parish hall. Information on and descriptions of featured ministries can be placed in the bulletin.

Re. the tree lighting Nov. 30, Steve D. will play Christmas songs that English speakers can sing. Colleen will explain the tradition of the Christmas tree.

Jorge and Cassandra will arrange for a tree to be donated, since their family owns a plant nursery. Helen S. will arrange to fetch it. Deacon Steve or our part-time temporary maintenance man will set up and stabilize it. Fr. Temo asked

parishioners to donate strings of lights, and many did. Helen will lead kitchen workers in preparing hot chocolate.

Re. Kitchen supplies, Margaret Irish provided the office with a spreadsheet to help track inventory of consumable items, such as coffee, dishes, and utensils. Several groups use the same supplies. The office must know what needs to be ordered and when.

Re. the main doors to the nave, they will remain open until the processional song is being sung and then be closed. People arriving late will be directed to use side doors to enter. We need to keep reminding liturgy attendees to be quieter and more reverent in the nave. Helen S. brought an essay about children naturally being noisy during liturgies. Lori will consider a way to share this with the assembly.

### *New Business*

Helen M. needs more people to sign up to be Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at 9 AM mass on Sundays. The office may start publishing a list of liturgical ministers expected to serve at the following weekend's English-language masses, and this will be posted on the bulletin board in the hallway between the narthex and the sacristy.

The end of each quarterly, Yarely publishes the ministry needs for liturgies to take place the following quarterly: sacristans, ushers, lectors, and EMHC's.

Lori will be on vacation the week of Thanksgiving.

We discussed the ministries of Holy Communion (1) for the homebound and (2) for those in Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center. We need more people willing to take Jesus Christ to patients at Legacy, as it can take five-six hours per volunteer to visit all the people who registered as Catholic. There are not enough ministers to serve every day. Deacon Adolfo trains them, but they also register with a hospital chaplain and undergo training at the hospital. Lori will discuss with the four other parishes in our family the possibility of their providing EMHC's to visit Legacy.

Fathers Temo and Nick visit homes and Legacy for anointings. The Longview family of parishes has asked that Father Vu provide anointing of the sick to patients in

the hospital there. When a patient needs a priest, the patient or his family should notify the nurses, who are to contact the parish.

Bill and Kathy Abel want the whole parish to know there's a ministry of Holy Communion for the homebound. Helen S. will write a message for the bulletin about EMHC's and the need for more volunteers to serve homebound people and those at Legacy.

The guests were introduced: Aidé Véliz, Angelita Herrera, and Fernando Paz. They generously agreed to serve on the pastoral council

At 8:00 Helen S. read a prayer to the Holy Spirit. The next council meeting will be 6 PM in the Fireside Room Friday, January 17.