



**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes  
Father Peter Grace, CP  
Wednesday, December 21, 2020**

**Members:** Father Peter Grace, Martin Dramou, Mike Ellison, Patrick Ginty, Mary Hansen, Misael Jaramillo, George Lozano, Louise Lupo, Marco Maya, Anne Miller, Laura Olmedo, Dean Penny, Kevin Pilotte, Andrea Ramirez, Victor Sanchez, Sean Skelly, Jon Soika,

**Members Excused:** Louise Lupo, Marco Mayo, Kevin Pilotte

**Members Absent:** Martin Dramou, Patrick Ginty, Kevin Pilotte

**Opening Prayer:** Jon Soika

**Guests:** Karen BlareBlair

**Approval of Minutes:** November minutes were approved by Mike Ellison with corrections and seconded by Jon Soika, all agreed

**Youth Report:** Andrea Ramirez  
The youth group performed at The Lady of Guadalupe 10 am Mass on Dec 12. With a play and the children’s choir also sang. They are also planning on singing at the Spanish Christmas Eve Mass.

**Finance Report:** Dean Penny

Finance November 2020 is attached to these minutes.  
Mass attendance is approximately 1,000+ per weekend  
Monthly offertory budget - \$68,750 (\$25.00 per family)  
Actual offertory for November— - \$75,805  
Offertory YTD (5 month)- \$309,270 (\$61.854 month)

Total monthly budget is \$125,000 (\$42 per family)  
Through November our total revenue ~~budget~~ is \$575,143

We are running more than a \$10K deficit per month  
At the moment we have been able to ~~keep up~~ expenses below budget – and  
close to even with revenue, but we still need to increase our offertory revenue.

Columbarium – we have sold 8 niches and we have approx. 25 prospects.

There will be 1200 niches total in the columbarium first phase. The interior cross will provide approx. 1/3 of those and the and then the outer walls the remaining.  
We are targeting to begin Construction ~~will start~~ shortly after Easter if possible.

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## ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH



The property that is across the road from St. Ann's next to Hwy 70 is still in the works. [We are trying to engage with a local developer for the developer to purchase the property and then work with the church on carving out 5 to 10 acres for the church.](#)

During the "I Give" campaign we raised more money than any of the other 37 parishes listed. We raised \$8,200, [with a 2 to 1 match that brings the total close to \\$25,000 total.](#)

~~**Guests:** Ricky Herrera was listed on the agenda to speak on Father Hugo who is from a sister parish, but he was absent.~~

**Safety Report:** **Kevin Pilotte**

Kevin was absent from the meeting, but he emailed his report:

**Refinishing of pews**

I met with Fredieas Aleman at the church and we inspected the pews. Fredieas not only is a parishioner but is the owner of Aleman Painting and is a Knight. The finish on the top of the pews is worn, some down to the bare wood. The seat backs and bottoms are also showing wear, though not as bad as the tops. To prevent further damage, we suggest refinishing the tops of the pews. This would involve taping off the top ledge isolation it from the seat back. Sanding the top. The applying the spar varnish tinted to the same stain color as the pews. Spar varnish is used on ships and can withstand elements better than regular varnish. He took a spare kneeler to match the stain color.

Fredieas offered to provide one of his paint crews to assist. We would get additional labor from the Knights We could do half of the pews at a time as he feels we could complete one side in a day. We also have a former assistant editor to a national wood working magazine in our council also he will also oversee the process.

Besides the normal wear and tear, the finish of the pews is being affected by the frequent cleaning and sanitizing. We suggest the crew that is doing the routine sanitizing use a concoction recommended by a professional cleaning service, Serv Pro. They use a solution of vinegar, Dawn and water to sanitize wooden pews. I provided the recipe in an earlier email.

I found a bottle of cleaning solution in the closet that contains Chloride. The instructions state to use only in non-porous surfaces. This means if it is being used on the wooden pews, it could damage the finish. The proper solution should be used for sanitizing and someone should share this with the people currently cleaning the pews.

Because of the Christmas holiday, we suggest refinishing the pews next year, hopefully in January.



**New Business:**

**Mike Ellison – COVID-19 Concerns**

There are a number of people at Mass without masks. Some of the most concerning are the people in the front rows and the readers. Nothing was said to remind people to wear their masks during the whole time except for communion. If we set these standards, we need to have them enforced.

**Laura Olmedo – Lady of Guadalupe**

She spoke about the Masses that took place and how well attended they were. We had four different times so that there could be social distancing. It was very well received. Our Lady of Guadalupe  
We had different masses compared to other years to try to minimize the people that come to this celebration every year which is thousands of people and since we can't have all this people because of covid-19 we had a mass at midnight on that Friday: with a traditional dance, then we had a mass 5 a.m. with the happy Birthday, mass at 8:30 a.m. what's meant for the Anglo community there was not a lot of attendance, and at the end of mass the faith formation 1st year confirmation class dance as a give to our lady of Guadalupe, 10:00 a.m. mass with father Hector and the first-year confirmation class dance at the beginning of mass, at the offertory and at the end of mass. The 1pm a mass with Mariachis, and at 2:30 p.m. mass outside with mariachi too. On my point of view, I think everything went very well we managed to keep our distance keeping different masses to have separate all the thousands of people that usually come, and we managed to celebrate our lady the Guadalupe.

**Father Peter – Christmas Masses**

Dec 24<sup>th</sup> – Masses at 4p (E), 6p (E) and 7:30p (S)  
Dec 25<sup>th</sup> – Masses at 12:00a (bilingual), 11a (E), 12:30p (S)

Father agreed that the ushers need to have more training to accommodate our new COVID-19 standards.

**Retirement**

June 21, 2021 is the end of Father Peters term here at St. Ann's. He has served us for 6 years. The Passionists have their yearly meeting in June 2021 and the possibility will be that he will be asked to stay here for one additional year to serve before retiring or he may be asked to serve some where else. We at the council spoke to him and tried to assure him that we will support any decision he chooses and that we are grateful for his service. We only want the best for him.

**Offertory Efforts Update**

The increased offertory efforts have given us 104K above what we had. These are just pledges and not actual cash but it is very promising. There are 831 families in the donor group, 143 responses (up 17%) and 45 new donors.

There were mostly English-speaking families in the mailing. Father Hector spoke at all the Spanish Masses about this because it has been shown that face-to-face communication is better well received and effective than a letter.

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### **Mike Ellison – Ministries**

We need more ministers to step up. We can utilize the young people of our parish to help. Middle schoolers have shown an interest and they could be used as ushers and readers as well as altar servers. Eucharistic ministers need to be confirmed and we need more of those as well.

***Old Business:*** Included in other reports.

***Comments:*** There were some items on the agenda that were not discussed due to the council member was absent. Response to the Ministry Brochures and Response to Giving Tree. They will be covered during the January meeting.

***Closing Prayer:*** Father Peter

There was a holiday celebration for the council members and guests after the meeting.

***Next meeting is Wednesday, January 11, 2021 at 7 pm***

Meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm  
Respectfully submitted, Mary Hansen