

CLUSTER 24 MASS SCHEDULE SURVEY

As part of the clustering of the Holy Martyrs, Sacred Heart/St. Jude's and St. Gregory's parishes, it will be necessary in the next few years to reduce the number of Masses from the current 10 in the Winter (11 in the Summer) to 8 Masses in the four Churches. This reduction will be necessary because our Cluster will have two full time priests – a single Pastor and a senior priest – down from the three priests we currently have.

This survey seeks your input as how best to make this difficult but important change. Please understand that this survey is not intended as a definitive vote. Instead, we will use the feedback from the parishioners of all three parishes to assist us in developing a new Mass schedule that best suits the spiritual needs of the parishioners and ultimately assists us in merging the three parishes into a single healthy and vibrant one.

Current Mass Schedules:

Saturday Masses: 4:30 pm at St. Gregory's, Holy Martyrs and Sacred Heart
(May to October – St. Jude's at 6:00 pm)

Sunday Masses: Holy Martyrs at 8:30 am, 10:30 am and 5:30 pm
St. Jude's at 9:30 am
St. Gregory's at 9:30 am
Sacred Heart at 8:00 am and 11:00 am

Proposed Mass Schedules:

For your consideration, the following are three preliminary proposed schedules prepared in consultation with Father Ford, Father Picard and Monsignor Lavoie. On the back of this sheet, you will be asked to provide your feedback on these proposals. These schedules are based on the current attendance and space and parking limitations at the four Churches and the time required for a priest to travel between Churches.

Proposed Schedule I:

Saturday Masses: 4:30 pm at St. Gregory's and Holy Martyrs/Sacred Heart (6 month at each Church)

Sunday Masses: Holy Martyrs at 9:00 am and 5:30 pm
St. Jude's at 9:30 am
St. Gregory's at 11:00 am
Sacred Heart at 8:00 am and 11:00 am

Proposed Schedule II:

Saturday Masses: 4:30 pm at St. Gregory's and Holy Martyrs/Sacred Heart (6 month at each Church)

Sunday Masses: Holy Martyrs at 10:30 am and 5:30 pm
St. Jude's at 9:30 am
St. Gregory's at 8:30 am
Sacred Heart at 8:00 am and 11:00 am

Proposed Schedule III:

Saturday Masses: 4:30 pm at St. Gregory's and Holy Martyrs/Sacred Heart (6 month at each Church)

Sunday Masses: Holy Martyrs at 11:00 am and 5:30 pm
St. Jude's at 9:30 am
St. Gregory's at 9:00 am
Sacred Heart at 8:00 am and 11:00 am

Survey Questions:

To which Parish do you belong? _____

What Mass do you regularly attend? _____

What is your age? _____

Which of the Proposed Schedules do you prefer and why? _____

What Mass would you prefer to attend under the Proposed Schedules? _____

If your preferred Mass is unavailable, at what time would you prefer Mass? _____

If your preferred Mass is unavailable, would you attend another Church and, if so at what Church? _____

If we hold a combined 4:30 pm Mass on Saturdays for Holy Martyrs and Sacred Heart, would you be willing to travel to the other Church at least 6 months a year? _____

Recognizing the future reality of two priests and travel time, please provide any additional suggestions on how the Mass schedule can be adjusted to best suit the spiritual needs of you and the Cluster as a whole:

Please share any additional thoughts as to how the Clustering process can be improved:

Please return your completed survey to the Parish office or put it collection box in the Narthex. [adjust for other Churches.] Thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,
The Cluster 24 Planning Committee