

## One Church, One Mission FAQ

Q. What exactly is changing?

R. As part of embracing a move to greater unity it was important that we take a look at our weekend Mass times. So, beginning the weekend of May 26/27 our Mass schedule will be as follows (Changes are noted in bold)

Saturday, 5:30 pm	(St. Mary)
Saturday, 7:30 pm	(St. Mary)
<b>Sunday, 7:30 am</b>	(Sacred Heart)
Sunday, 9:30 am	(St. Mary)
Sunday, 11:30 am	<b>(St. Mary - bilingual)</b>
<b>Sunday, 1 pm</b>	(Sacred Heart, Spanish – held on the first Sunday of each month beginning July 1)

\*The change to an earlier Mass time Sunday morning (7:30 am) gives our musicians and priests some needed time to transition to the 9:30 Mass when needed. The 11:30 am Mass will be our primary bilingual Mass each weekend. As a pastoral provision we will have a Spanish only Mass at 1 pm on the first Sunday of each month.

Q. I/we really find the contemporary music at 11:30 helpful and welcoming for guests and family members. Will that go away?

R. Some concerns were expressed about losing contemporary music at 11:30 Mass. However, we have had very fruitful discussions with our musicians who are excited and ready to collaborate. Our goal is to expand that vibrancy and let it to overflow into other weekend Masses.

Q. I heard a lot of people turned in the survey and wanted to keep things the same. What were the results? Did you take that into account?

R. Yes! Thank you for your amazing input on our survey! We heard from over 800 people, which was a such a great help in making decisions.

What we heard is that the 7:30 pm Mass on Saturday is a needed option for many people because of their work, so we will continue to have both vigil Masses on Saturday. We also heard that people were open to some flexibility on Sunday morning so it allowed us to make a minor time adjustment there. We also found that a good percentage of our parish hadn't experienced a bilingual Mass. For those that had, most found the experience vibrant and positive.

Q. I see the bulletin is now in English and Spanish, I find it hard to read.

R. We have been offering a separate English and Spanish bulletin for quite a few years now. Our hope in combining them is to better communicate the wonderful things happening here in the parish with everyone, while being good stewards of our resources. We are also expanding our use of technology through our website and direct communication methods such as email, where we can offer an option between English and Spanish. Over time I know we will get better and better at making this flow smoothly.

I understand the difficulty in getting used to something new and finding the information you are looking for. We are trying different layout possibilities for a bilingual bulletin and want to do this well. If you have suggestions for utilizing both languages that will help make the bulletin easier to read, please do pass those along to us.

Q. I just don't understand anything that is going on...I find it hard to pray.

R. I understand the difficulty of praying this way. It's easier for most of us to pray in just one language. But it's really important for us to make every effort to unite as much as possible. There's a lot both cultures can learn from one another.

One thing that helps us is the technology at St. Mary's. Our video projectors allow us to provide real time translations as much as possible. Since the hymnal contains the readings we also have that as a resource. Over time I know we will get better and better at making this flow smoothly.