

The following notes are from the Town Hall Meeting, hosted by the Parish Council, held on October 4th. The Council asked the community 3 questions via questionnaire distributed after all Masses for 2 weekends. The questions and their responses follow:

1. What do you appreciate about Holy Eucharist?

These are the community's responses:

We are welcoming and there is a strong sense of community.

I enjoy Father Derek's sermons and even his "crazy" jokes add to the Mass.

The entire community is very welcoming and inclusive.

The community has hospitality.

It is always here to support all who come; a real family.

Holy Eucharist is a welcoming community. I appreciate the many people who help make this happen.

Great leadership all around.

Opportunities to get involved.

Father's homilies, music, a clean and safe place to worship, social events.

The sense of community that is so strong and real.

The community, the people we have met.

We love the music!

We like the Wise Achers.

I saw they are starting a Cancer Support Group-this seems like a great idea!

The community spirit and compassion.

Father Derek.

Great Community.

Wonderful Staff.

Friendly members.

The hospitality and warmth of the community.

Smallness of our church and the arrangement of the chairs around the altar.

Our risen Christ statue.

Donuts and coffee after the Sunday Masses.

Church in the "round".

Expression of faith.

Location.

Many workers/volunteers.

Dedicated staff and lay people.

Joyful people.

Kids feel welcome.

Clear sense of who we are.

Respect among groups.

Culturally diverse groups that share ideas, culture and faith.

2. What suggestions do you have for Holy Eucharist? (After all suggestions were placed on the board, the present members of the community were given 3 stickers. They were asked to place a sticker by the 3 items they thought were the most important for improving our community. The numbers next to each suggestion represents the number of stickers placed by each suggestion).

13-Recruitment committee-reach out to potential volunteers-Open general committee to fill needs when they arise.

10-Outreach to encourage more participation in ministries (during Mass).

10-More family activities (movie nights, pizza night, Halloween Dance, Potlucks).

7-More volunteers needed.

6-Monthly Children's Mass

6-Strategic plan-how do we bridge communities?

5-Young kid events, 12 years old and younger

5-Extension for Confirmation classes-target parents too (how to keep them involved?)

0-Social Justice-Habit for Humanity-Family faith sharing-train students to participate in new groups.

5-Work on one ministry at a time.

5-Spanish Mass on Saturday.

4-Participate in Social justice activities.

4-Reconfigure church-move altar back-semi circle of parishioners.

4-Chart with jobs, explanation of responsibilities (of ministries).

3-Spanish classes for children (faith formation).

2-OCP Parish Mission.

2-Collaborate with other churches to find out how they do things-online and personal.

2-Arts and Environment Committee/Liturgy Committee/Flowers/Ministries explained.

2-Growth.

-Start Mass on time

-More special liturgy celebrations

-Announce suggestion box

-Consolidate worship areas for smaller Masses.

-More Marketing of activities-Social Media-Confirmation class can post to Instagram

-Youth choir and band

-Raise the rent on the orchard to offset so many Second Collections and pay for needed maintenance.

-Children's liturgy is great, but children should return before the priest is blessing the eucharist and wine; this is a moment for God.

-Bring together our diverse peoples in more meaningful ways

-present some kind of parish statement regarding the abuse scandal (i.e. Petition-Archdiocese of Washington)

-Do not build a wall

-ask confirmation class, "What suggestions do they have?" What would get them more involved at church?

3. Where do you see (want) Holy Eucharist in 5 years?

Right Here.

More parking

Family oriented parish

More emphasis on integrating younger people into the church. A focus on members in their 20's and 30's. The membership is aging, and we need to attract younger people.

Continue community outreach/presence.

A better and expanded connection with St. Francis and Salesian Schools.

A thriving youth program.

Hopefully I see the community as "the way" as the early Christians were perceived.

Growing.

I see Holy Eucharist continuing to be a welcoming community.

I see more children and young adults involved in various ministries as they are our future.

Hopefully with more young families involved.

I wonder-will our Hispanic community grow/ increase faster than our non-Hispanic community? (as the older parishioners die off.)

Hopefully with an increased congregation.

Differed maintenance completed including repainting of church and recovering of church chairs.

Growing deeper in faith.

Expanding and offering classes to reinforce faith.

Hopefully continuing to grow in members and spirit with a more visible presence in the Catholic and public society regarding taking care of social justice and works of mercy issues.

The community needs to be more educated about the church's social justice history and ideology and what we are called to do as baptized Catholics.

The **Pastoral Council of the Holy Eucharist Catholic Community** is a group of representative members from our community who work together with the pastor to assure that the spiritual and financial goals and objectives of the community are being met by assessing and prioritizing the needs and activities of the Community; to advise and support the Pastor in fostering pastoral action; and to encourage participation in the extended community. The following are the names of our current Pastoral Council members, and an email that you may use if you have any suggestions, questions or concerns regarding our parish.

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