



St. Mary & St. Matthew Cluster

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Frequently Asked Questions

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We are delighted that interest in the clustering process remains high. We encourage you to continue to submit your questions. For your convenience, you may use the FAQ box near the entrance to church. If you identify yourself, we will answer you directly. If you prefer anonymity, we will print the most frequently received questions and answer them in bulletin inserts like this one.

1. After the beginning of clustering, how will the new mass schedule impact numbers of those needed to assist mass and the ushers and their duties?

Clustering will certainly impact the lay ministers in both parishes. While the decrease in the number of weekend masses may reduce the frequency that ushers and others assist in mass, there will be greater need in other ministries. In some cases, more concentrated attendance may necessitate additional ministers at some of the masses.

2. The communication regarding the process and timeline for clustering St Mary and St Matthew referred to a Pastoral Leader. Who is that, how are they appointed, and what is their job?

The Pastoral leader is a generic title for the Pastor or Pastoral Administrator who leads the parish. At the time of the earlier communication, we did not know who that would be. Since then, Bishop Clark has appointed Fr. John Hayes as the pastor of the St Mary and St Matthew cluster, using the standard diocesan process to fill pastoral leadership vacancies.

3. Parish Life committee needs to plan events (parties) for St Mary's in advance. How will this be handled? Do we (the co-chairs of the parish life committee) contact Fr Hayes directly or work through Debbie Huls at St Mary's church?

The parishes should continue to work through their respective secretaries to schedule meetings or events. Debbie (at St. Mary's) and Vicki (at St. Matthew) communicate regularly and will share schedules in an effort to avoid conflicts. As always, advanced planning is preferred to allot time to resolve any conflicts that could arise if two committees (from the same or different parishes) are simultaneously making plans.

If you have any other questions that you would like us to answer, please use the space below (or use your own stationery). If you would like to remain anonymous, simply leave your name off this sheet. You may either leave your questions (in an envelope marked "FAQs") with an usher the next time you come to Mass, use the FAQ box, or mail them to us at:

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