

Announcements

The primary purpose of the Mass is to offer the perpetual sacrifice of Jesus on Calvary and dispense the graces of that same sacrifice. At very least, no action within Mass should distract from the primary focus of the celebration. Making announcements at inappropriate times detracts from the focus of Mass and disrupts the intended flow of the celebration as a whole. All actions must maintain proper reverence and move the faithful to prayerful communion with God. Other sacramental celebrations are allowed.

Recognizing the need to inform the parish community of necessary information, yet preserving the sanctity and reverence of the Mass, it is this parish's policy to provide time for announcements to be made before the beginning of Mass. Such announcements are to be both brief and pertinent to this parish only. This policy will govern the making of announcements from this date forward.

All announcements must be requested through the Parish Office by noon on Friday to have them incorporated in the weekend's liturgy. If they come in after noon on Friday, they might not be announced. Announcements are generally one or two weeks prior to the event. As a reminder, all announcements should be as brief as possible. In your announcement, you may wish to include:

- What is the event?
- Who is it for?
- When and where will the event take place?
- When is the deadline to sign up?

Examples:

“Training for new Lectors will take place on Friday, September 26 at 7:30pm; please call John Doe by Thursday of that week if you will be attending.”

or

“Please visit the Family Life Center today during Hospitality Donut Sunday to learn more about Men’s Organization Ministry.”

If the announcement corresponds to a need for a particular parish organization, the leader or any member of that parish organization may make a more personal appeal themselves. The announcement should be brief – suggested less than 3 minutes.