



**SAINT GILBERT
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Reaching Out With Servant Hearts

**PARISH COUNCIL AGENDA
November 27, 2018**

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Parish Council Notes from November 27, 2018

Attendance:

Fr. John	Raul Venzon	Daphne Kinzig (scribe)
Sr. Donna	Letty Medina	Angie Fisher
Fr. Christian		Alex Eugene (absent)

Call to Order:

7:05 PM. Opened with hymn *Holy God, We Praise My Name* and the prayer *Wool-Gathering*.

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes:

No changes. Discussed actions – updated in notes below.

Old Business:

Deanery Update:

- Debbie Borsic will participate until two replacements are identified; however, she has not been to a meeting all year & she rolled off PC.
- Darlene also wants to transition off the Deanery, currently too much on her plate.
- We decided to wait until we have a full council before seeking new Deanery representation.
- **Action:** Daphne will reach out to Darlene about what is involved & will consider participating.

CHRP Retreat:

- Men's retreat scheduled on November 3, 2018 was canceled, only four men signed up. Will plan for the Spring 2019 and advertise more.
- Women's retreat is tentatively set for February 2019.

New Business:

Parish Update by Fr. John:

- *Alpha Program* is on the front burner.
 - A parish tool for evangelization based on hospitality, sharing and open conversation used to spread the good news leading to personal encounters with Jesus.
 - First meeting was held at Prince of Peace in mid-November to promote excitement about the program. Next meeting is scheduled for January on how to start a program, same location.



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- Revolves around food, presentation, & discussion.
- Would like to publicize through social media. Most effective way to bring Alpha to people is through personal invitation and with food!
- What is God's plan for me? Discussion about the video.
- Primarily for people who have no religious background or training or folks who have been away from the church or not regular church goers, not a theological program.
- Provides the opportunity to reach out to proclaim the gospel.
- Program includes 15 talks over 11 weeks in multiple groups. Exciting and contemporary.
- Originated by the Church of England, Anglican. Not originally Catholic.
- No obligation and no commitment at no cost to attendees.
- Looking to start the program at St. Gilbert around Easter.
- Fr. John & Fr. Christian will find out more at the Deanery meeting.
- **ACTION:** Council members should check the online videos. One or two specifically with Nick Gumbel:
<https://alphausa.org/watch/awng>
- In looking back at 2018, grateful for the celebration of Easter, farewell to Father Jose, welcoming of Fr. Christian, Find Your Greatness retreat & Reboot, All Souls Day, and Memorial mass. "I am looking for another eventful year."
- *Lenten Mission Event*
 - Fr. Christian reached out to Fr. Zamora - Director of Music & Liturgy, Singer, Instrumentalist & Fr. Matt O'Donnell - Pastor at St. Columbanus, passionate, energetic, Irish, Liturgist), & Deacon Mark to provide a Lenten event at STG.
 - Both are available 4/8-4/9 to tag team for a small fee.
 - Theme – Love, Forgiveness, Missionary
 - Want to advertise:
 - **Action:** Fr John or Fr. Christian will help advertise in the Christmas bulletin – Save the Date. Daphne spoke to Jeanne about bulletin contents & due dates.
 - **Action:** Daphne will contact Kathleen Farbo on content and dates for Facebook post.
 - Promote excitement around this event and invite other churches as we get closer.
 - **Action:** Angie & Letty will reach out to neighboring churches to advertise the event once we have content to distribute.
- *Parish Council*
 - We still need to find a few more members.
 - Letty spoke to Paul Spheeris – not interested and Andrew Velasquez – prefers to join Young Adult Ministry.
 - Alix Eugene (the parishioner with the great voice) will join the PC. Did not attend.
 - Daphne spoke to Andrea Velasquez about discerning to serve on the PC.



- *Renew My Parish* – no changes for Vicariate 1. Expecting to hear about Vicariate 3 in the city, including the church that Fr. Christian attended in Chinatown.
- *Bible Study* – We will delay until the launch of the Alpha Program, sometime late Spring as recommended by the program.

Other discussion points:

- Fr Christian goes over to St. Joe for Spanish mass and confession to help support the parish. The congregation are people of faith, lively, and excited. STG receives the Quincienara overflow from St. Joe's.
- *Discipleship Ministry*
 - Advent
 - Will market in the next week with posters in the narthex to participate.
 - Would like the priest or deacons who preside in the daily/weekly mass to invite the congregation to do something special instead of making announcements. Blue books will be handed out.
 - **Action:** Letty will email Jeanne/Lisa Kleber to add an invitation to the front electronic message board for people to prepare their hearts for Christ during Advent.
 - Lenten Speaker – Patricia Klein
 - Letty emailed Patricia about bringing her in for the Lenten season. Speaks highly of her – amazing.
 - Patricia is part of the seminary Formation faculty – Associate Director for the teaching parish.
 - Fr. Christian knows her very well.
 - Checking availability.
 - No fee.
 - **Action:** Letty will update the PC on the details.
 - Retreat about Medjugorje
 - Fr Leon will be in the area for retreats and offered to hold a mini retreat at STG on Fat Tuesday. His story is beautiful, how he ended up in Medjugorje. He's very engaging.
 - 1-hour talk, no fee but welcomes a free-will offering.
 - Fr. John is open to this idea, need to answer who, what, where, when, and how questions in addition to:
 - Does he have a letter of suitability?
 - What about his standing from the Chancery or Diocesan bishop?
 - Perhaps we can invite other neighboring churches.
 - He's also presenting at St John Vianney, and St Jerome.
 - **Action:** Letty will update the PC on the details when available.
- *Young Adult Ministry*
 - Fr Christian held a young adult listening session and met with Autumn Swindell, Kyle Fisher, Amy Cappelli, Megan, Rachel Medina, Pam Zuske, and Fr. John.



- Seminarians Matthew & Robain will be at STG on 12/9, 6:30 – 8:30pm to help host a new Young Adult, Christmas themed program in the Rectory by the fireplace.
- Itinerary is in progress:
 - Will include an ice breaker.
 - Dinner at 7pm.
 - Last 30 min Fr. Brad Zamora will speak.
 - Finally, transition into the chapel for praise and worship.
- The group will begin to work on a mission. Kyle Fisher has signed up.
- Announcements will be made at mass for invitation. Post on FB & Twitter. Do we use MailChimp?
- **Action:** Fr. Christian will help work on announcement to invite young adults & online posts.
- Limited to 25 attendees.
- **Action:** Angie will send Fr. Christian other young adults who might be interested in this Ministry.

Next meeting:

The Christmas/Advent Party will be held on December 18, 2018, 6-9pm in the Rectory by the fireplace. Spouses are invited and we each will bring our own drinks and the following:

- Fr. John – Sliders & Walla, Walla Wine
- Fr. Christian – something Chinese
- Sr. Donna – dessert
- Raul – Lumpias & pancit
- Angie – Meat & sugar pies
- Letty – Appetizers
- Daphne – Bolognese & pasta
- Alix – TBD

Closing:

Closing prayer at 9:01