

St. Joseph – St. Clement Parishes

Clustering Update

Clustering – two independent parishes sharing one Pastor – is coming to our parishes in June 2007. The two parishes have been meeting since September 2005 and have made some difficult decisions. The most significant decision determined the timing of the 3 weekend Masses a Pastor is permitted to schedule. As previously published, the two parishes have agreed on the following:

Saturday 5 PM at St. Joseph
Sunday 9:30 AM at St. Clement
Sunday 11:30 AM at St. Joseph.

All Masses will be in English.

A committee of concerned Francophone parishioners is investigating ways of meeting the needs of the French community in the area, and a meeting is to be scheduled with the Episcopal Vicar during the coming Lenten season to look at ideas.

With one priest for both parishes, both Parish Advisory Boards have agreed to seek a part-time Parish Administrator, and it is hoped to fill the position filled in the next few weeks. The staffing of both parishes, namely Deacon Ron Vermette, secretaries for both parishes and a Pastoral Minister, will all be retained.

Both rectories will remain open and one of the tasks for the new Parish Administrator will be to reorganize both rectories. This reorganization will not take place until July 2007.

We realize that change is difficult and some changes, such as Mass times, are upsetting. We believe that we can come together in Faith to make the vibrant faith communities at both St. Clement and St. Joseph stronger.