

**ST. JEROME LITURGY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES May 5, 2014**

**Present:** Fr. David, Dan Loch, Florence Loch, Jeanne Tarrant, Helen Eidt, Andrea Licek, and Suzanne Calnon

**Holy Week / Easter Review**

Father David observed that the crowds were down from Palm Sunday right through Easter Sunday.

**Palm Sunday**

There was plenty of help at the Sunday 9:30 AM liturgy.

**Holy Thursday**

Attendance was fairly good. Joe O'Callaghan ran the rehearsal very well but few attended. Some felt there was chaos in the back lining up for the procession (perhaps a relation to the former). Many people took part in the washing of the feet. Chairs in front of the stairs may have helped. There was a delay after the announcement for people to come forward to wash feet. No one had a clear recollection of the procedure in previous years, but some thought the congregation was waiting for the priests to wash each other's feet. Fr. Dave recalls that the priests wash the feet of lay people. We need to clarify this for next year. The candles for the procession at the end of mass need to be done way ahead of time. The ushers were hastily putting candles in holders as the congregation filed by. Father Dave is concerned that we do not have all the hours covered for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the downstairs hall. We are visited by St. Mary's and St. Ladislaus' parishioners. He suggested a sign-up sheet for two hour blocks to be sure someone is there at all times from the end of Mass to 10:30 PM. The sign-up sheet for Eucharistic Ministers worked well.

**Good Friday**

Jeanne will add adoring the cross IN A GROUP to her program and comments. Unlike last year the music continued throughout the veneration, which was good.

**Easter Vigil**

Many more people attended, which is credited to Fr. David who promised a much shorter vigil mass. (It didn't quite materialize in that way.) The lights were problematic. Next year we should use the switch rather than the circuit breaker. The song numbers were wrong in the program. We need new candles. It was suggested we reinstate the custom of bringing bells to ring for the Gloria. People followed Fr David to the Baptismal font unexpectedly, but it was fine.

**Easter**

This was the first time the sanctuary seats were not needed. None used at all at 9:30, a few at 11:00. Because of Fr. Dave's urging some 9:30 families may have gone to the Vigil and it was school vacation week.

**Other**

Next year ask Jack O'Melia to take pictures of the adoration (Good Friday) and foot washing (Holy Thursday).

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne Calnon  
Chairperson