

St. Mary Church on Broadway

December 31, 2016

Dear Parishioners,

I am proposing three options about the time change from 5:00 PM to 5:30 PM for the Vigil Mass at St. Mary. A liturgy schedule with Masses back to back imposes limitations on the Pastor and the Parish. Our Masses on Sunday pose the greatest scheduling problem but there are few things that can be done while religious education is in session on Sundays at St. Mary and Holy Ghost. The Mass schedule for the Vigil Mass is the easiest to adjust at this time. I cannot change the time at Holy Ghost because 4:00 pm is the earliest that a Vigil Mass can be held. In addition, many of the parishioners at that Mass came from Our Lady of Mount Carmel and they have already suffered a great change with the loss of their parish.

I propose three options for which I would like your feedback:

1. Move the 5:00 PM Vigil Mass to 5:30 PM. It would enable me to have a sufficient amount of time between Masses and not have to rush over to St. Mary.
2. Leave Mass at 5:00 PM. These masses could be presided over by other priests. This may be frequent due to my schedule. That would mean that I would be around even less and there is also the cost of stipends for visiting priests.
3. The last option is to cancel the 5:00 PM at St. Mary and invite the parishioners to attend Holy Ghost at the 4:00 PM Mass. St. Mary budget envelopes could be submitted the same way and they would be set aside and brought over to the St. Mary collection.

Please circle one to complete the survey and place in the offertory basket. Thank you.

God Bless,

Rev. Francesco Francese
Pastor of St. Mary and Holy Ghost

