

November 2018

GREETINGS TO ALL USHER MINISTERS:

There is a Holy Day of Obligation on Saturday 12/8/18 for the Immaculate Conception in the church at 8:15 am, with the Rosary starting at 8:00 am. Al VanHoecke and/or myself, Bruce Gregg, will be present and ask for Volunteers to help usher as the congregation arrives.

The Christmas Mass Schedule has been set and the associated Usher Schedule is enclosed. There will be three (3) Christmas Masses: 12/24 at 4 pm and 6 pm and 12/25 at 10 am.

There will be New Year's Eve Adoration on Monday 12/31/18 at 11 pm to midnight. There will not be a Mass and ushers will not be required.

The New Years day Mass is Monday 1/1/19 at 10:00 am. All of this sounds simple enough until you look at the closeness of our regular Saturday and Sunday Masses shown on the regular schedule. There are a lot of Masses in a relatively short period of time. In making the Christmas / New Year's Schedule I tried to follow previous year's assignments. Hope this does not cause too many scheduling difficulties. As always, we appreciate all of your time and efforts.

In the past I have discussed the topic of appropriate levels of dress for Church Ministry participants with Father Thomas. His belief, as well as mine, is that Ministers should dress up to the level of the event. The Mass is a holy and significant ceremony and our dress as ushers should reflect its level of importance.

Last year at this time I was asking for a volunteer to replace me as the Usher Ministry Coordinator because of my family situation. Since then, life has changed at the Gregg household, and I am now in a position to continue serving in this position. Thank you for your prayers and expressions of sympathy.

As I get back to my Usher Ministry duties, I plan to put out an Usher Letter & Schedule as they may be needed in order to pass on a specific message to our ushers. In light of that, the enclosed Regular Usher Schedule actually covers an entire year. On one hand it specifically covers the months of December, January, February, and March. However, it also lists the months in the rest of the year so this one document will point us all in the right direction throughout 2019. Please let me know if you have any questions. I have also included a listing of the 2019 Holy Days of Obligation as well as the Diocese 2019 Second Collections list.

Thank you again for your continued service to the Usher Ministry. Let me take this opportunity to wish you and yours a very Happy Thanksgiving, a Holy Christmas and an Awesome New Year.

Sincerely,

Bruce Gregg  
Usher Ministry Coordinator