

From Fr. Michael Communication: I hope nobody would introduce changes to their Church for change sake; but that such changes should be coming from a need that is identifiable. Following a prayerful discernment, I have decided our Tri-Parishes will be applying a few changes for the benefit of our clergy and parishioners beginning in January. There are some people who know by now, that in the parishes and collaboratives throughout the archdiocese, certain changes to Mass times, or 'suppression' of certain Masses are sometimes necessary especially during new administrations and new interests. Some of our parishioners know this because you witnessed certain transitions already. However, there are some of you who are not thinking along this line, let alone the line of new additions. In my opinion, a new way of being is what change should offer and it must not leave anyone feeling terrible or overburdened. Change is one of those realities which is just a part of life. Some of us like 2018 so much that we pray it slows down, yet time marches on. The New Year is around the corner! So what are we expecting? Did you just say 2019! Yes. And in the 2019 we shall see some slight changes and additions to the Mass schedule in our Tri-Parishes and more work for our priests and our invaluable volunteers.

Starting on the first weekend in January, St. Edith Stein will have its weekend Masses as follows: (Saturday) 8am morning Mass; 4pm vigil Mass & 7pm Cape Verdean Creole; (Sunday) 8am first Mass, 10am second Mass & 12pm third (Cape Verdean creole).

Christ the King Parish will see the following adjustment: (Saturday) 4pm vigil Mass, (Sunday) 8am first Mass, 10am second Mass & 12pm (Haitian Creole) Mass. Monday 6pm evening Mass.

Our Lady of Lourdes will have no adjustment in its times.

These slight adjustments in Mass times will offer a longer Sunday afternoon time with friends and families, especially to those who attend the last Haitian and Cape Verdean Creole Masses.

Confession and Adoration The Sacrament of confession is one sacrament that we are culturally doing badly with and for which Catholics need to pay closer attention. Adoration has equally lost its effects. New generations of Catholics do not even experience any interior silence or quietening down time anymore before the exposed Sacred Body of Our Lord. Starting in the first week in January, all of our Tri-Parishes will have a Saturday Morning Exposition/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions happening simultaneously. This will take place at 8:45am and confession concludes with the last persons at 9:45am. This introduction will afford all of us the relaxed, ample and prayerful atmosphere to make a good confession even when we are not planning to show up at the 4pm weekend Mass. We are still keeping the usual 3:15pm time of Confession as it is for now. The Christ the King Monday adoration times will be renewed with an added Monday evening Mass and a first Monday anointing and healing.

When space at Christ the King is offered for our Haitian Community on Monday night, the Mass and Adoration will be celebrated at St. Edith Stein.

NEW WEEKDAY DAILY MORNING MASSES Starting on Easter Monday (4/22), we are adding new weekday daily Masses at St. Edith Stein Parish. The purpose of this is to offer an opportunity to all those who are working and attending school to start their day with the Eucharist. This Mass time will either be at 6:30am or 6:45am. A survey for a preferable practical time and attendance is being published in the bulletin this weekend. Next weekend at all the Masses the short survey will be conducted with you by the ushers and greeters. Please come handy with a pen to fill the survey-forms that will be provided. Thanks and much love. Fr. Michael.