



JACKSON GROUPING

**St. John the Evangelist, St. Mary Star of the Sea, Queen of the Miraculous Medal,
St. Joseph Oratory, St. Stanislaus Oratory, St. Catherine Laboure,
Sagrada Corazon Community, Jackson Catholic Schools**

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Greetings one and all. On this May 31st, the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Jackson pastors are publishing the revised Mass schedule for the Jackson Grouping. This will go into effect the weekend of July 6-7. This was reviewed and approved by Bishop Boyea prior to publication.

We, the pastors, are grateful to the more than 1,900 people who filled out surveys and let us know your feelings. Every single comment was reviewed. The pastors are most thankful for the efforts of the dedicated team who helped us sort through an intense amount of data in a short period of time and for the ushers and ministers of hospitality who conducted the Mass count at every weekend Mass for more than a month to help us arrive at these decisions. We are happy to report there has been an increase of Mass attendance at St. John, St. Mary, and Queens since data was last collected in October of 2023.

While change is difficult and we cannot accommodate everyone's desires, we are doing our best to meet the needs of the people and the objectives set forth for us by the Bishop. On the next page, you can see what Masses will cease to be offered and what Masses are moving, either to a new time or a different location.

Some items to note: per an agreement between Fr. Nelson and Bishop Boyea, the Saturday 4pm Vigil Mass at St. Stanislaus Oratory will be untouched for now but will be moved to St. Mary Star of the Sea at the start of July 2025. The Sunday 5pm Mass is moving from St. John to St. Joseph Oratory as we seek to make that the meeting place of the newly formed Jackson Catholic Youth Group. Though all are welcome, the youth will take an active role in planning and hosting that Mass. The Traditional Latin Mass (TLM) Community was fairly unanimous in requesting an earlier Mass time, but moving that Mass to the morning makes it nearly impossible for Fr. Nelson to ever find a qualified and approved TLM priest to celebrate that Mass if he needs to be away, as those priests each have their own parish responsibilities to tend to on Sunday morning.

When I discussed this plan with the Bishop, he felt it important that I emphasize to you that this is the beginning of a process, not the end of one. Where it ends will be determined by multiple factors, not the least of which is whether we can attract more people to practice their faith, especially younger families. We must definitely address the need to enroll some young men from our community in the seminary as the number of priests continues to decrease rapidly and those still serving are often doing so far beyond retirement age.

This plan is bound to disappoint some people who may have to change your Sunday routine, but as the former Cardinal Archbishop of Boston Richard Cushing was fond of saying, "Mass is not part of the day. It is the heart of the day." Nothing should matter more on Sundays than coming together as a family of faith to hear the Word of God and to be strengthened by receiving the true Body and Blood of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Fr. Tim

NEW JACKSON GROUPING MASS SCHEDULE

STARTS 7/6/24

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST. JOSEPH ORATORY

	ST. JOHN	ST. JOSEPH
SATURDAY	4:15pm	
SUNDAY	8:00am	
	10:00am	9:30am
	Noon	
	5:00pm → → →	5:00pm*

ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA, ST. STANISLAUS, SAGRADA CORAZON, LATIN MASS

	ST. MARY	ST. STANISLAUS
SATURDAY	5:30pm	4:00pm
SUNDAY	8:00am	
	10:00am	
	1:00pm (Traditional Latin)	11:30am (Spanish)

QUEEN OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL AND ST. CATHERINE LABOURE

	QUEENS	ST. CATHERINE
SATURDAY	5:00pm	
SUNDAY	7:30am	
	9:00am	
	10:30am	10:30am
	11:00am	
	Noon	

PREVIOUS TOTAL OF WEEKEND MASSES: 18

NEW TOTAL: 15

*5:00pm St. Joseph Mass becomes regional youth Mass