



Dear Parishioners,

As I mentioned last Sunday at all the Masses, we are making a change to our liturgical schedule here at St. Ann's. Beginning on 03 March 2013, our 12:30 p.m. Sunday Mass will become a Traditional Latin Mass (extraordinary form). This change is occurring because Bishop Jugis has been advised by Rome that, because of the stable community of people in Charlotte who desire a weekly Sunday Latin Mass, he is obligated to provide it for them. As St. Ann's is the only parish in Charlotte regularly offering the Latin Mass, I was recently asked by the bishop to change one of our regularly scheduled Sunday Masses to a Latin Mass. In a spirit of obedience, I have agreed to do so.

This desire of many of you for a Sunday Latin Mass was formally made known to me a year ago, and I considered the request very carefully with the aid of our Parish Council and our staff. While we decided that if we were to implement such a request we would change the 12:30 p.m. Mass, it was our consensus a year ago that our parish was not yet ready for such a change. However, *Roma locuta est!* ("Rome has spoken"). Therefore, I trust that this directive from Rome is an answer to the earnest prayer that I personally made that our Lord show me if and when He desired that I make such a change here at St. Ann's.

However, it is not without some regret that we make this change. Changing the 12:30 Mass to Latin means that we will no longer offer our bi-lingual Mass. While small in numbers, our Hispanic community is a vibrant and integral part of our parish family, and it is not my intention that you who belong to this segment of our parish feel disenfranchised by this decision. We will continue to offer other sacraments in Spanish upon request, as well as other services (such as faith formation) as needed. Moreover, through the generosity of one of our parish families, we will have booklets available for use at the Latin Mass that will have the Spanish translation of the Latin prayers to make it easy to follow along (we already have the English translation booklets available). Thus, I sincerely encourage all of our Hispanic parishioners to continue worshipping here at St. Ann's.

Our Wednesday evening Mass will continue to be in Latin, and there will be no changes to our other Sunday Masses, except that, effective immediately, we will no longer offer our 1st Saturday night Latin Mass at 6:30 p.m. I am appreciative for your generosity and understanding as we all adjust to these changes.

As was mentioned in last week's bulletin, if you would like to be enrolled in the Angelic Warfare Confraternity, please be sure to inform our parish secretary, Marcy Rothe, at 704-523-4641, ext. 221, or email her at: stanncharlotte@charlottediocese.org and leave your name and phone number with her. Moreover, there is a suggested donation of \$10 for the enrollment packet. Checks can be made out to "St. Ann Catholic Church;" please put "confraternity" in the memo line. The enrollment ceremonies will be on 07 March 2013 at 7:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Sincerely yours in Jesus and Mary,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Fr. Reid". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Fr. Reid

Fr. Reid's homilies (audio & PDF) & the bulletins are posted on the website: www.StAnnCharlotte.org