

Pastoral Council 12-10-20

Attendance:

1. Paul English
2. Amos Etilo
3. Rosalind
4. Lucy Portzer
5. Angelina Munoz
6. Isaura Munoz
7. Fr. Ken Shuping
8. Fr. Jose Arce

6:33 – Opening prayer

6:34 – Review of the agenda

6:35 – pastor's reflections and comments:

- On Saturday December 5 2020 a special Mass was celebrated in honor of Blessed Mare Clementine. A martyr in Congo and a priest from Our Lady of Nazareth came to concelebrate Mass here. Very pleasant time.
- On December 11 and 12 will be the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe with two Masses that will be celebrated in Salem.
- An inspection ran through the building and in one part of the building termites were found. It costs \$3,000 to get rid of those. We feel like we caught the problem early enough to fix it.
- Due to the new regulations from the governor of Virginia Mass will be celebrated as usual. What changes is meetings will now be limited to 10 people.
- We may have to consider the way we meet since regulations from the governor will change, taking effect on Monday December 14.
- We are waiting on the diocese level to give more details about restrictions and other procedures to be taken in place.

The restrooms will get new symbols on the doors to direct people to the right room. They will be big enough to be visible.

We are visioning what will be the use of Kibeho House in the future. We may consul someone who knows about construction to direct us on what can be a good thing to fix and how much it will cost.

One of the rooms at Kibeho House is being intended to be used as a little museum-type to keep our history in one place. With pictures and videos and much more.

We are renting the park like we used to do every year for our parish celebration. We hope we will be able to meet by then. We may invite the bishop to the inauguration and bless the room.

In a longer vision, a daycare may be used to be available for parents to put their kids on during Mass. This will be for toddlers and children 4 to 6 years old.

We need representation from every culture to come up with recipes of food from every culture to put up a Cookbook and raise money to benefit our church.

There is a thought about bringing back the food sales here at St Gerard after the 12:30 pm Mass.

Most members of the parish council will continually be part of the group and will keep meeting every month.

Our next meeting will be on January 14th of 2021.

8:06 - Closing prayer