

# A Reflection on Our Parish Pastoral Ministries

We often receive suggestions for activities that we should consider adopting in the parish. The suggestions are well-intentioned and a reflection of a sincere interest in expanding the services we offer to the People of God in this parish. No doubt, the experiences of your lives have demonstrated to you that we, as individuals, are limited in the number of activities we can reasonably and effectively engage. So too with a parish. Each suggestion for something new in the parish requires discernment, discussion, and a decision. That process requires that we: (1) assess the extent to which the proposed activity integrates with our current pastoral activities and theological principles; (2) determine if we have the financial and human resources to carry out the proposed activity well; (3) evaluate the priority of the proposed activity considering other compelling priorities. This process is conducted through the leadership of the pastor in consultation with the relevant parish staff, parish clergy, and others, which is the normative way of proceeding in a Catholic parish.

It is part of the human condition to perceive largely only what one experiences directly. As a result, it is common to not be fully aware of the numerous and diverse pastoral activities in which our parish and school are engaged. This lack of perspective will occasionally limit the value of the input the pastor receives about a proposed activity and will also lead to misunderstandings about the current priorities of the parish. So, to help inform us of the current pastoral activities we are engaging in the parish which reflect our priorities, we enclose a compilation of those activities for your edification and reflection. The list is not exhaustive, nor does it identify the many outreach activities undertaken by our parish school. Since the compilation focuses primarily on pastoral activities, it does not include the significant number of administrative activities required to keep this large, active parish operating effectively.

Would you like to become more involved and be a bigger part of the Espiritu Santo Community? Would you like to find ways to grow closer to the Lord and to one another?

This compilation of parish pastoral activities offers you some opportunities to get more involved. Contact the parish office for more information.

Together with you in ministry,  
Father Len, Deacon John

## Parish Activities/Ministries

Adoration Chapel

Assistance with Annulments and Re-marriage

Bereavement Ministry (Grief & Loss Support)

Bible Study

Centering Prayer Group

Central Deanery Meetings / Activities

Faith Formation for All

- Adaptive Learning & Sacramental Preparation for Special Pastoral Needs
- Adult Confirmation Preparation
- Adult Ongoing Faith Formation
- Boy Scouts
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- Catechist Formation
- Center for Jewish / Catholic Studies Programs
- Espiritu Santo Catholic School
- Girl Scouts
- Ongoing Religious Education / Domestic Church Model
- Rite (Order) of Christian Initiation



Faith Formation for All, Continued

- Sacrament Preparation (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation)
- YES – Youth of Espiritu Santo / Lifeteen
- Young Adult Ministry of North Pinellas

Funeral Liaison & Preparation

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## Parish Activities/Ministries

### Knights of Columbus

- A2474 Meetings
- Christmas Party
- District Meetings
- Full Family Breakfast
- Keep Christ in Christmas Sales
- Lenten Friday Fish Frys
- Ladies Auxiliary
- Membership Meetings
- Memorial Mass
- Officer Meetings
- Open House
- Program Directors' Meeting
- Unified Degree Ceremonies

### Lay Order of Carmelites

### Lay Pastoral Ministry Institute

- Practicum Support and Guidance
- Teaching

### Liturgical Activities

- Altar Server Preparation and Coordination
- Candle Teams
- Daily Masses (3)
- Devotions to the Sacred Heart and Prayers to the Saints
- Formation and Rehearsal of Choirs
- Formation and Scheduling of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Formation and Scheduling of Lectors
- Formation and Scheduling of Hospitality Ministers
- Formation and Scheduling of Volunteer Sacristans
- Funerals
- Liturgical Environment (decorating, plant care, cleaning)
- Liturgy Committee
- Livestream Ministry
- Perpetual Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
- Pew Teams
- Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

### Liturgical Activities, Continued

- Sacrament of Baptism for Infants
- Sacrament of Marriage
- Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Vigil / Sunday Masses (7)

### Men's Emmaus Retreats

### Mental Health Counseling

### Mom's Prayer Group

### New Member Welcome Committee

### Outreach Ministries

- Pinellas Hope
- St. Vincent de Paul
- Helping Hands

### Parish Life Committee

### Parish Pastoral Council

### Parish Finance Council

### Religious Articles Gift Shop

### Seniors Plus

### Sewing Group

- Prayer Square Ministry

### Sick & Homebound Visitations

### Sisters of Notre Dame and Lay Associates

### Spiritual Direction

### Vacation with God Retreats

- (Jesuit Father Cooper)

### Walking the Sacred Path and Ignatian

### Discernment Retreats

### Women's Emmaus Retreats

### Women of Espiritu Santo

- Advent by Candlelight
- Back-to-School Drive
- Giving Tree
- Ministry Meetings
- Other Ministry Activities
- Pinellas Hope Cookie Baking