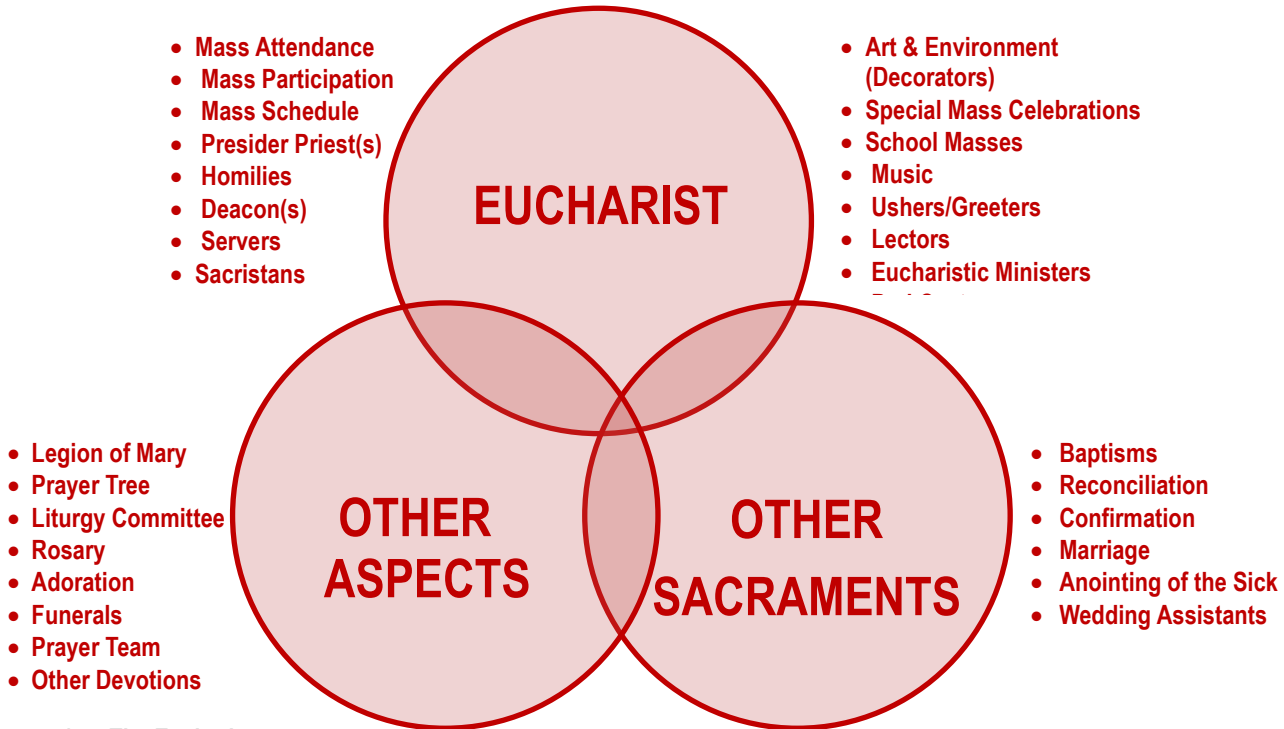


VISION DAY SCOPE & TOPICS TO STIMULATE REFLECTION AND SHARING: WORSHIP & PRAYER



1. The Eucharist

- The Sunday mass is understood as “*the source and summit*” of our week (Vatican II):
 - *Source*: the mass gives us the strength to do good things the rest of the week
 - *Summit*: we return at the end of the week to give thanks and recharge our batteries
- Full, conscious and active participation in the Sunday liturgy
- Mass attendance as a % of parishioners increasing
- Resources committed for the celebration of the liturgy
- Teaching and understanding of the liturgy, especially when there are changes
- Proper training of lay liturgical ministers (Eucharistic, Lectors, Hospitality, Musicians, Servers)
- Opportunities to participate in lay liturgical ministries open to all qualified parishioners
- The church art and environment is conducive to a good celebration and representative of the season
- Adequacy of frequency and time of weekend masses
- Scripture-based homilies are well prepared, delivered and relevant to our daily life
- We understand that the priest is the ‘presider’, but we all are ‘the celebrating community’
- Music is a form of, and conducive to, our prayer – not a performance
- Music selection is based on the scripture readings for the day
- Music encourages full participation of congregation in singing
- Good celebration of all special liturgies other than the Sunday ones
- Is there a Worship or Liturgy Commission involved in the planning?
- Are all liturgical ministries represented in the Worship Commission?

2. Other Sacraments:

- Opportunities for the sacrament of *Reconciliation*
- Communal celebration of the *Reconciliation* during appropriate liturgical seasons
- Individual and communal celebration of the *Anointing of the Sick*
- Preparation for and celebration of the sacrament of *Baptism*
- Reception of those in RCIA into church at Easter Vigil
- Preparation for and celebration of the sacrament of *Marriage*
- Funerals in the parish encouraged and well prepared and celebrated

3. Other Aspects of Prayer Life

- Ample opportunities for participation