

Saturday, November 30 & Sunday, December 1
(**this letter is to be read at all Masses at Queen of Angels & Saint Joseph**)

Dear friends,

As you know, I have been in discussion & discernment with the pastoral councils of Queen of Angels & Saint Joseph in preparation for much-needed weekend Mass schedule changes. These changes will allow for each region of our parish family to have Saturday confessions and Mass, maximize pastoral care by the priest of each region, and help ensure our priests are not burdened beyond their abilities.

After prayer & consultation, I have decided on the following changes – these will take effect the first January:

- Saint Mary Star of the Sea in Port Townsend will resume its Saturday evening confessions & vigil Mass. Confessions will be at 3:30 pm and the vigil Mass will be at 5 pm.
- Saturday evening confessions and the vigil Mass for the central region will be offered at Queen of Angels
- The current Sunday Mass schedule for Queen of Angels and Saint Joseph will continue, with the addition of a 1 pm Sunday Mass at Saint Joseph
- There will other smaller schedule adjustments announced in the coming weeks

These changes will ask much of us all – many of our fellow Catholics will need to consider different weekend habits while others will need to be prepared to welcome & care for those making those adaptations. It will be especially important for those parishioners who are **NOT** losing their favored Mass to be considerate and supportive of those who are. Let us use this time as an opportunity to reassure one another of our mutual support – especially across parish boundaries

I know that there will be more questions than this brief letter can address – I will be posting a longer explanation of these changes and my reasoning on my website later this weekend. You will be able to find it at **fathermaurer.com**.

This weekend and throughout this Advent season, let us lift each other up in prayer. May the Lord bless efforts, that we may draw nearer to each other and to Him.

Yours in Christ,

Father Maurer