

Members Present: Father Jim, Uduak Akpan, Rod Randolph, Mary-Lou Veeken, Natalie Lavigne, Ron Ross, Sue Szojka, Aoife Cahill, Stefan Johnson and Helen Doyle.
Regrets: Greg Dixon, Deacon Lynn and Bridget Kenny

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Hospitality Sundays are a great success-bringing together families, seniors and other small groups to volunteer together. Should we look at this for every Sunday, with less cost only have coffee, tea and juice? Or, have parishioners volunteer the snacks? Advent may be a good time to ask volunteers to contribute snacks. Family friendly adoration is well-received and could be shared with other parishes. Also, our blessing of married couples on the first Sunday of the month is supporting marriages and families and work is ongoing to validate marriages,. Plans are underway to produce a video on prayer. 8. New Business: a) Arrival of new Priests: Firm dates not available-lawyers are involved b) New Parish Business Coordinator: Father Jim advised that the position is still vacant, and the work has been divided up among the current staff-one applicant declined the position. Deacon Arden will ensure that the books are in order on a monthly basis. Members were asked to advise Father Jim if you know of a suitable person for this job. c) Sanctuary Beautification: Contractors did a great job, and the main altar will go back to its original position this weekend-will help us to grow in our relationship with Jesus. d) Safe Environment Training Update: Sue advised that all volunteers have been advised of requirements and most have completed the courses. e) Senior Housing Project: Father Jim advised that the next step is rezoning of the land, to be done by the County, will likely be delayed till after the election on Oct. 20th. Next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 11th. f) World Youth Day 2027 Seoul: Natalie advised that a meeting is scheduled for Sept. 18th and parishes are encouraged to join with the Archdiocese to send a group of delegates. The Young Adults group will be advised of this and that OLPH can assist in fund-raising for the costs. g) Parish Groups/Ministry Contacts: Natalie advised that changes have been made to this list and Uduak will revise and send to the responsible PPC ministry contacts. 9. Standing Reports: a) Liturgy: Sue advised that: Members of the Committee and their spouses enjoyed the Grateful Gathering on June 18th. Proposed changes to create efficiencies to the Mass will be discussed at the Sept. meeting, and Liturgy Council welcomes ideas about Mass from PPC and others. b) Finance/Parish Business Report: Ron advised that: ordinary receipts to end of July are similar to 2024, the Canada Summer Jobs project was very successful, the sanctuary tile work is almost completed, new fans were installed in the roof to provide better air movement and planning is underway to repair the ceiling and replace the carpet. Money from the Children's collection will be discussed at the October meeting c). Parish Team Update: Parish School Relations: Natalie advised that: Deacon Arden retired at the end of August, summer students finished at the end of August and completed many projects. Three of the students will remain on weekend staff, in addition to one new person, EICS had their Opening Day Mass here on August 27th, including a smudge ceremony followed by keynote speaker-Val Limar Jansen; school theme for the year is: Growing together in Christ's Love, weekly classroom visits are on hold due to our priest shortage, Sept and October, Masses are booked for the church, as well as grade 4 Bible blessings, and retreats at Camp Van Es and Birch Bay. During Advent, the evening Masses from December 8th-12th will be moved to 5:45 to accommodate concerts.	Uduak Father Jim Father Jim Father Jim Sue Father Jim Natalie Natalie/Uduak Sue Ron Natalie	<u>8</u> <u>9</u>
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d) Sacraments: Currently supporting 44 couples preparing for Marriage/Con-validation in 2025, and 142 for next year, 19 weddings were celebrated here plus 4 con-validations, 66 children were baptized and preparation classes are held on the on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, and registrations for Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation Preparation are open. e) Youth: OLPH youth gatherings continued over the summer Vacation Bible Camp was well-attended and we need a director for next year as Sharon Darbyshire is retiring, the IGNITE Face-To-Face Ministries Youth Camp was a huge success, with 50 youth attending-we will discuss having a similar camp in 2026, and Face-To-Face Ministries is booked for January 2026 for the ELEVATE Youth Conference here. f) Hospitality/Priority Sunday: This initiative is well-received and volunteers are stepping up to assist, 100 people attended the Canonization Party for St. Carlo Acutis on September 7th, GIFT unlocking the mysteries of the Bible will start on September 16th, 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory starts on Sept. 11th, session on the Holy Spirit with Father Hysell will be on September 25th, Catholic Education Week is October 19th-24th, Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education Youth Summit is on October 24th, and CWL will be asked to assist-check for microphone in meeting room g) Pastoral Priorities Plan: Stefan advised that: Mass livestreaming continues to serve seniors and housebound parishioners, 33 Days of Eucharistic Worship had strong participation last year and another series begins in Sept. new prayer video series will be available soon, successful outreach to Paulatuk and reverse collections, plans are in place to highlight the dignity of life and educate parishioners on moral issues, including MAID, exploring a video to explain Catholic beliefs and promote social justice, considering a Lenten Mission in year 3 focusing on Confident Witness, Marriage and Family Life, blessings of married couples and con-validations have been warmly received, a hospitality sign-up blitz will take place in Sept. to encourage families to participate-schools will be asked to volunteer as well, a parish prayer booklet is being developed, the annual report will be revised and distributed, promote Eucharistic study groups, ministry highlight slides will be prepared for fall recruitment, advance apologetics content planning and youth involvement opportunities, and begin Parish Mission planning process. h) Other Business: N/A. 10. Wrap-up: a) Challenges and Blessings: b) Next PPC Meeting: October 8th, 2025-6:30PM c) Closing Prayer: d) Adjournment-meeting adjourned at 8:45PM	Natalie	
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ACTION ITEMS

Date	Action Item	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Date Completed	Comments
Sept. 10 th , 2025	Have a copy of the Constitution for all members	Helen	October 8 th , 2025			
March 12 th , 2025	Look for opportunities to be a Compassionate Parish	All	Continuing			
Sept. 10 th , 2025	Send a revised copy of Ministry Liaison Contacts to all	Uduak	October 7 th , 2025			