

Christmas Eve Masses

As has been discussed at various regional priests meetings and shared in the minutes of the most recent Presbyteral Council meeting, in order to accommodate a larger number of parishioners at Christmas Eve Masses, the Archdiocese for this year only will allow parishes to celebrate Masses earlier in the day than is customary, based on the following conditions:

- Each pastor should work with his vicar/delegate about a proposal to have Masses before 4pm on Christmas Eve at his location(s);
- Parishes cannot simply have noon Christmas Eve Mass, then nothing until 4pm; if a parish is planning to have Mass begin at noon, there should also be other Masses between the noon and four o'clock Mass for the permission to be granted;
- Parishes should also consider adding more Masses on Christmas Eve beyond the 4pm Mass.