

SUMMER FLOWERS - CAN YOU HELP?

I hope that everyone appreciates as much as I do the work of our Liturgy Environment team in ensuring that our worship environment is both tasteful and beautiful in every liturgical season. And I'm grateful that you help to support their work financially with your flower offerings at Christmas and Eastertide.

But one of the things we've discussed at our meetings is the challenge of providing flowers during the summer when it's considerably more difficult – not to mention more expensive – to find live plants like azaleas or hydrangeas to use in the sanctuary. So, at my suggestion, we've decided to try something new for the summer months and perhaps even for the autumn.

Fresh flowers are the best way to go during the summer; but as I say, that can get expensive and our Ordinary Time budget really doesn't allow for major expenses. So we'd like to invite you to provide fresh flowers for the sanctuary each week, which would be placed there in memory of anyone you might wish to honor, with that remembrance published in the church bulletin. The donation could either be monetary, allowing us to order an appropriate arrangement to be placed in front of the altar, or if you have a truly abundant garden, we would welcome a bouquet of your own fresh flowers to be arranged by a member of the environment team on a Friday or Saturday, in preparation for weekend masses. Of course, it's important to remember that, in order to be clearly seen, that altar arrangement has to be fairly large.

We will continue to include green plants in the liturgical environment throughout the summer and fall, but fresh flowers would certainly be a lovely foreground addition to those. If you're interested in helping with this, please let me know. I'm off to Georgetown this Monday for scripture study, but I'll be back on Friday. And if you're interested in our own Summer Scripture weeks beginning in July, watch next week's bulletin for the topic and the dates.

Fr. Bob