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Saint Luke's

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September 5, 2021

Twenty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Confessions
Saturdays from 1:00-2:00 pm

MISSION STATEMENT

To reach out in love
to all God's people
by living the healing
ministry of Jesus Christ
and St. Luke as a caring faith
community fed
by the Eucharist and
led by the Holy Spirit.

CELEBRATE LABOR DAY

GOD BLESS OUR WORKERS



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Mass Schedule

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am
	10:00 am
	12:00 pm
Daily M-F	9:00 am

St. Luke's Is Served By...

Rev. James M. Manos ----- Pastor
John McKeon ----- Deacon
Rev. Eugene Gniewyk ----- In Residence
Msgr. Thomas J. McDade ----- In Residence
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Patrick Logue ----- Safety Manager
Peter Mastandrea ----- Parish Trustee
Maureen Menakis ----- Parish Trustee
Ed Hayes ----- Pastoral Council President

*Mass Intentions
for the Week of September 5*



Saturday, September 4

5:00 pm William Davitt

Sunday, September 5

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8:00 am Paul Servo

10:00 am Peg Madden

12:00 pm Sam & Pat Scalzitti

Monday, September 6

9:00 am Sirena Cosentino

Tuesday, September 7

9:00 am June Skelly

Wednesday, September 8

*Feast of the Nativity
of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

9:00 am Carmelanne Dilkes

Thursday, September 9

9:00 am Richard Stanton

Friday, September 10

9:00 am Marianne Loughlin

Saturday, September 11

5:00 pm William J Donovan Jr
Regis Nalepka
William Davitt
Thomas Reid
Anthony Sonny Rocchio

Sunday, September 12

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8:00 am Mary Hayes

10:00 am John Clinton

12:00 pm Carmelanne Dilkes



We remember those who are ill, and those who are in need of prayer especially Msgr Robert Slipe, Stacey

Veros, Curtis Daniels, Eric LaPorte, Tim O'Hare, Cole McKeon, healthcare workers, funeral home personnel, first responders and all our deceased especially Rosalie Foschini, Sr Rita Walsh & Jean Berry.

This week's Altar Flowers
are donated in loving memory of
The Sinacori Family



Senior Lucan News



The St Luke Senior Lucans will be having their first meeting this week. The meeting will take place on Thursday, September 9 at 10 am, following 9 am Mass. The meeting will be held IN THE CHURCH and masks are required. We look forward to seeing you!

School Bells Signal a New Start

The sound of the school bell is a welcomed sound to most parents who have worked diligently to prepare their children to work up to their potential. Many students will not be able to work up to their full potential as they are lacking in nourishing food and are dealing with stressful family situations. Please help Catholic Charities in its mission to help individuals and families who are hurting. This is a most opportune time to clean out the summer clothes for the Catholic Charities bins. We also welcome small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, tools, stuffed animals, novels, knickknacks, toys & children's books.



**Let us keep those who serve in our military
in our prayers including**

Nicholas Oravetz, US Navy	1st Lt Christopher Forst, USAF
Capt William Mulkeen, US Army	Airman Christopher Ward, USAF
Major Sean Fox, USAF	Colin Lynch, US Navy
Capt David Gatti, US Army	Staff Sgt Brandon Ritter, USAF
Lance Cpl Patrick Gordon, USMC	1st Lt Conrad Polys, US Marines
Major Frank Toomey, US Army	Brendan Jimenez, US Coast Guard
Arnould Tarbangdo, US Marines	MSG James Leonard, NJ Natl Guard
Nicole Cunneely, US Navy	Capt Brendan Cahill, US Army
James Ryan, US Navy IT3	SPC Logan Costello, US Army

Stewardship of Treasure



Our collection amount for the weekends of August 21/22 and August 28/29 were \$7,177 and \$11,121. We are so grateful for your kindness, stewardship and generosity.

OFFICE OF THE VICAR GENERAL

TO: PRIESTS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE

FROM: REV. JOHN J. CHADWICK, S.T.D. 

SUBJECT: VACCINE MANDATES

DATE: AUGUST 27, 2021

I have been asked to clarify the teaching of the Church regarding the morality of receiving the vaccines against COVID-19 and to articulate archdiocesan policy on the matter. Concretely, there is a pastoral need to answer the question of whether the faithful may request an exemption on religious grounds from accepting the vaccines. We have received some questions here in the Archdiocesan Center. You likely have had to field similar requests.

It is important to note that the Archdiocese of Newark does not provide for an exemption on religious grounds from receiving the vaccine. Any concerns based upon our respect life teachings have been addressed. In addition, it has been noted that reception of the vaccine can be seen as an act of charity in support of the common good. In a recent public service announcement, Pope Francis called receiving the vaccine an "act of love." The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have issued statements in support of the morality of receiving the vaccine as have a number of American bishops.

As such it is not possible for a Catholic to claim an exemption from vaccination on religious grounds. Like anyone else, a Catholic may claim a personal exemption on the grounds of conscience but such a decision should consider our Christian responsibility to work for the common good in service to the benefit of all.

Therefore, you should not support a religious exemption for the people entrusted to your pastoral care. If you are approached with such a request, kindly remind the unvaccinated of their obligation to preserve the health of others and themselves by wearing a mask, maintaining social distance, getting tested as necessary, and other recommended safety measures.

Please access the links below for background information.

[Video Message of the Holy Father to the people on the vaccination campaign against COVID-19, 18.08.2021](#)

[Video: Pope urges people to receive Covid-19 vaccine](#)

Statement from the CDF:

https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20201221_nota-vaccini-anticovid_en.html and

Statement from the Doctrine Committee of the USCCB:

<https://www.usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines>

Please refer any questions from the media about our policy to Maria Margiotta in the Office of Communications at the Archdiocesan Center. And feel free to reach out to me with any personal questions or concerns as well. Let us work together to respect life and put an end to the pandemic. Be assured of my prayers for you and your ministry. God bless!

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly
Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ

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“Say to those whose hearts are frightened, ‘Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication, with divine recompense, he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared, then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing. Streams will burst forth in the desert and rivers in the steppe, the burning sands will become pools, and the thirsty ground springs of water.’”

Did you ever try to paint a picture? You gather the right materials, brushes, colors and decide how to transform your idea and put it on a canvas. Isaiah, in his vision, provided an exquisite painting in words of what he dreamed would be a world with a messiah.

As we listen to the words about the blind, the deaf, the mute and the lame, we find Jesus taking another Isaiah passage and telling his townsfolk, ‘Today this has been fulfilled in your hearing.’ The prophet uses these miraculous images which we use as the reason for the messiah, He comes to save us.

In our time of difficulty and trial the picture and the words assure us, that the whole reason for Jesus’ coming, was and is to save us. Faith in Jesus, and our earnest desire for salvation, will add to the beauty of our painting.

Discovering **hope** and **joy** in the Catholic faith.

September 2021

St. Luke Church

One Minute Meditations

Make time

Life can be so busy that it becomes impossible to find time to pray.

Instead we have to make time to pray. If we make time for God, he will help us find the time we need for everything else.

Face forward

Continually reliving the past prevents us from looking ahead with hope. Follow St. Paul's example: *"Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 3:13-14).

Our Lady of Sorrows

On September 15th we commemorate Our Lady of Sorrows. The title refers to Simeon's prediction that Mary would experience sorrows as if *"... you yourself a sword will pierce"* (Luke 2:35). Her greatest sorrow may have been watching her son die on the Cross.

If we ever want someone who understands our difficulties, we have only to look to Mary.



"Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

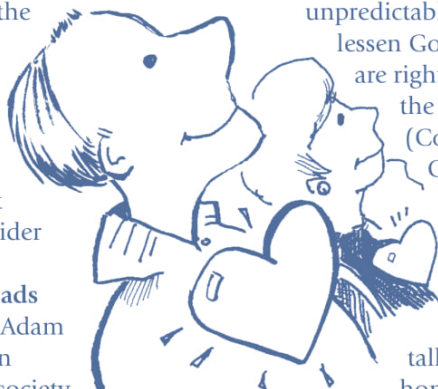
Popular culture would have us believe that happiness comes from having the perfect spouse, the perfect home, the perfect job, and the perfect body. Without all that, happiness isn't possible. Consider this:

God's way leads to perfection. Adam and Eve were in Paradise until society convinced them that by eating a piece of fruit, they could become perfect and be even happier. Had they listened to God instead, their lives would have stayed perfect.

Only God loves perfectly. Sometimes we fear that showing our failings to

others will lessen their regard. The more perfect we appear, the more we will be loved and respected. Human love is unpredictable, but we can never lose or lessen God's love. He loves us as we are right now. In fact, Jesus created the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) to remind us of God's unconditional love.

God's idea of perfect is possible. Jesus said, *"... be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect"* (Matthew 5:48), but he wasn't talking about muscles or homes. Perfection in Jesus' eyes means loving God with all our hearts, praying for our enemies, and taking care of the poor. To Jesus, love, obedience and service is the true measure of perfection and he wants us to let go of anything that gets in the way. That's the only "perfect" that is possible.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

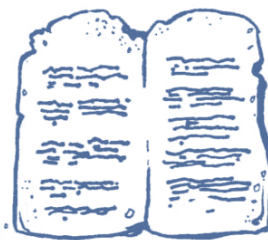
Why do Catholics follow the Ten Commandments?

The Ten Commandments were given by God to the Israelites on Mt. Sinai after they left Egypt. They are considered divine law because God himself revealed them to help his people live holy lives. They formed the basis of Jewish life, so Jesus followed them, too.

The Commandments are standards of holiness for Christians, too. Obey them

and eternal happiness is ours. Disobey them and we suffer the consequences. Jesus

summarized the spirit of the Commandments in Matthew 22:36-40.



Be not afraid

The phrase “be not afraid,” made famous by Pope St. John Paul II, helps us to remember that no matter what happens in the world, God is in control and we are in good hands. The Holy Father asked us to put our trust in Jesus who redeemed the world.

Refuse to worry. Jesus reminded us that tomorrow isn’t guaranteed to anyone (Luke 12:20). What brings us peace is to tend to today’s challenges and let God take care of tomorrow. Nothing happens without His consent

and He won’t permit anything that is bad for us. When we place ourselves in His care, we have nothing to fear.

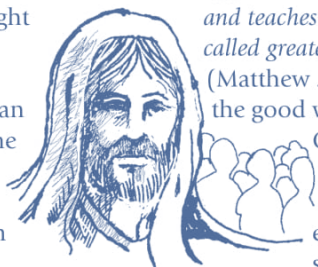


Keep your eyes on Him. Don’t let the world blind you to God’s presence in your life. We may not feel powerful at times, but when we stay close to Jesus through His Church, we receive the grace we need to keep fighting temptations to sin. God has overcome the world. With His help, we will win the daily battle for Heaven.

from Scripture

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48, The discipline of discipleship

In this Gospel passage, the disciples hear of an unknown man healing in Jesus’ name. In their jealousy, it seemed the disciples were more concerned about losing the spotlight than in healing. Jesus added perspective. He pointed out that the man had the same goal as the disciples – to build up God’s Kingdom. He was a teammate, not an enemy.



Discipleship means making a change of heart and mind. Jesus was very clear: if we choose to follow him, we can’t foster private sins, too. If,

through those sins, we lead others into sin, our responsibility is doubled.

These are grim words, but the opposite is great news: “Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 5:19). God rewards us for the good we do to and for others.

Our example is powerfully influential.

Being a faithful disciple isn’t easy. Rooting out personal sin and setting a good

example is difficult, but we’re not alone or without grace to do the job. No matter what we sacrifice, the reward is infinitely better.

Q & A

Why do I have to go to Mass when I don’t enjoy it?

A Catholic adult who lives an average lifespan can attend as many as 4,084 Sunday Masses. No ritual or event can sustain good vibrations 4,048 times. The truth is that the Mass is not meant to always make us feel good. It isn’t actually about us – it’s about God.

Mass is public worship. At every Mass, we worship God as a natural response to His overwhelming magnificence. This is not because God needs our praise, but because we need to praise Him. We recognize and honor all that is good about Him.

Mass is a sacrifice. When the gifts are brought to the altar, each of us offers our lives along with the bread and wine. We can do nothing of our own accord, so Christ accepts our offerings – our sacrifice – and joins it to His ongoing work of salvation.

Mass is a meal. Through the Eucharist, Jesus makes His home within us. We deepen our union with Jesus each time we receive His Word and His Body and Blood during Mass.

Feasts & Celebrations

September 8 – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1st century).

Tradition says Mary was born in Jerusalem after her mother, Anna, and her father, Joachim, had been married more than twenty years without children. Mary’s birth brought her parents joy, and we are joyful too – because Mary brings salvation to all of us with the birth of Jesus.

September 23 – St. Padre Pio (1968). Born to farmers in southern Italy, Padre Pio was an inspiring confessor and counselor. He received the five wounds of Our Lord’s Passion (stigmata) eight

years after he became a Capuchin Friar. Despite intense personal and physical suffering, he remained dedicated to prayer.

September 28 – Saint Wenceslaus (929). As the king of Bohemia, Wenceslaus worked closely with the Church to end the persecution of the Christians in his country. He encouraged German missionaries, built churches, and cared for the sick, and poor. Political conflict led to his assassination by his brother. The “Good King” was immediately recognized as a martyr.



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