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MUSINGS

By Father Lee Chase

Church and School Re-opening Updates

I would like to update you on our re-opening. As the pandemic of COVID-19 continues, we have to continually meet and make decisions about both the school and parish re-opening:

1. St. Lawrence School will reopen for the Fall. Our principal, Frank Arvizzigno, along with the entire parish staff have prepared a plan for re-opening that includes a deep cleaning of the school itself, the purchase of necessary cleaning equipment and other items for the safety of all, and the determination of policies that are in effect until further notice for everyone's safety.
2. Those policies include two very important items you should know about: there are no after-school activities or clubs for the school until further notice and no parish meetings or gatherings of any kind until further notice. That means: the Annual Parish Garage Sale is cancelled. The Adult Bible Study and Seniors Gatherings are on hold. There will be no social events such as a Pancake Breakfast or Spaghetti Supper. Parish groups such as Keeping In Touch, Faith in Action, Knights of Columbus, etc. are encouraged to have their meetings via Zoom. There will be no meetings held here on campus until further notice.
3. **All** Faith Formation including Grade School Faith Formation, First Penance classes, First Eucharist classes, Confirmation classes, RCIA will meet (if they are scheduled to meet!) in the rooms of Deacon Hall on Sundays only. Deacon Hall will be closed to all other activities until further notice. This is to enable our cleaning staff time to clean Deacon Hall during the week and to limit the need for cleaning supplies. Our cleaning staff will be focused primarily on keeping St. Lawrence School clean. Any questions regarding Faith Formation should be directed to the Faith Formation office.
4. CYO Soccer and Basketball will not be held in the Fall or early Winter. Once a determination has been made about late Winter and Spring, we will let you know. All scouting meetings scheduled to meet here on the parish campus will not happen until further notice. Please contact Donna Gray in the Office of Youth Ministry with any questions.
5. Please note that we are celebrating weddings and funerals, but that these liturgies are shorter and follow the pattern of our weekend liturgies. We will explain how these liturgies are done in detail with families and wedding couples.
6. The parish office is open Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to Noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays from 9 a.m. to Noon. One visitor at a time, please, and facemasks must always be worn. When visiting the parish office, please remain behind the plexiglass screen at the counter for the safety of our staff.
7. Let us pray for a quick end to this pandemic! Thank you.

This week, we light the

Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of

Pantalone, Pierce, Wright & Kelly families

By Ginny Pierce

This Week's Prayer

Monday, August 17
Weekday
8:30 a.m. Mass for Priests and Deacons

Tuesday, August 18
Weekday
8:30 a.m. Mass for Ronald Pierce by Ginny Pierce

Wednesday, August 19
Weekday
8:30 a.m. Mass for Thomas Doerr by Lucy Girardi

Thursday, August 20
Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
8:30 a.m. Mass for Dora DiSchino by Sam Gionta family

Friday, August 21
Saint Pius X, Pope
8:30 a.m. Mass for Judy Dick by Jim & Carol

Saturday, August 22
The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
4 p.m. Mass for Daniel Buechel by Paul & Marlene Buechel

Sunday, August 23
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Mass for Wilfred & Mildred Rauber Happy Anniversary by children
9:30 a.m. Mass for Dominick, Josephine, Ralph & Donald Molinari
11:00 a.m. Mass for St. Lawrence Parishioners by Father Chase

Readings for the week of August 17, 2020

Monday, August 17:	Ez 24:15-24/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday, August 18:	Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday, August 19:	Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday, August 20:	Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14
Friday, August 21:	Ez 37:1-14/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday, August 22:	Ez 43:1-7ab/Mt 23:1-12
Sunday, August 23:	Is 22:19-23/ Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

STEWARDSHIP

We are a Stewardship Parish committed to giving our time, talent , and resources for others!

Attendance for August 8-9 2020 Total 433

August 8-9 2020 Collection

	Amount Received	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)
Sunday Collection	$19,089.92	$16,200.00	$2,889.92
General Maintenance	$580.00	$1,040.00	$(460.00)
School Support	$875.00	$360.00	$515.00

Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am
9:30 am
11:00 am

Monday - Friday 8:30 am

Holy Days of Obligation
As scheduled, please see bulletin.

Confessions

Saturday 3:00 pm

Anointing of the Sick

Please call us if you or a family member wish to be anointed.

Baptism

Parents should contact us as soon as they know they are expecting.

Marriage

Engaged couples should contact us at least **one year** in advance of their desired date.

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Week I Taylor Iafrati & Christopher Sufra

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Frank Arvizzigno
School Principal, 225-3870
Marisa Stieve
Finance Director, x.206

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Pastoral Associate, x. 212
Rev. Scott Caton, Ph.D.
Assisting Priest, x. 201
Deacon Manny Asis
Senior Deacon, x. 201

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Office Manager, x. 201
Kerry Nolan
Office Assistant, x. 205
Bob Gray
Maintenance , x. 201

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Faith Formation , 225-7320
Donna Gray
Youth Ministry/CYO, 225-1485
Debbie Cichelli
Office Manager, 225-7320

Music Ministry
M. Virginia Pierce
Music Director, 227-7236
Susan Judkins
9:30 a.m. Mass Choir, 797-3719
Mary Kay Huber
Young People's Choir, 957-8947
Steve Amico
11:00 a. m. Mass Choir, 225-7338

Mass for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (Psalm 84 (83):10-11) Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

GLORY TO GOD
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)
O God, who have prepared for those who love you
good things which no eye can see,
fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love,
so that, loving you in all things and above all things,
we may attain your promises,
which surpass every human desire.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING (Book of the Prophet Isaiah 56:1, 6-7)
Thus says the Lord: Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed.
The foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, ministering to him, loving the name of the Lord, and becoming his servants— all who keep the sabbath free from profanation and hold to my covenant, them I will bring to my holy mountain and make joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (67:2-3, 5, 6, 8)
R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

May God have pity on us and bless us;
may he let his face shine upon us.
So may your way be known upon earth;
among all nations, your salvation. **R**.

May the nations be glad and exult
because you rule the peoples in equity;
the nations on the earth you guide. **R**.

May the peoples praise you, O God;
may all the peoples praise you!
May God bless us,
and may all the ends of the earth fear him! **R**.

SECOND READING (Romans 11:13-15, 29-32)
Brothers and sisters: I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I glory in my ministry in order to make my race jealous and thus save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?
For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable. Just as you once disobeyed God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now disobeyed in order that, by virtue of the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God delivered all to disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all.

GOSPEL (Matthew 15:21-28)
At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her. Jesus' disciples came and asked him, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me." He said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, *At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.* who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow.
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive our oblation, O Lord,
by which is brought about a glorious exchange,
that, by offering what you have given,
we may merit to receive your very self.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (PSALM 130 (129):7)

With the Lord there is mercy; / in him is plentiful redemption.

Or (John 6:51-52)

am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Made partakers of Christ through these Sacraments,
we humbly implore your mercy, Lord,
that, conformed to his image on earth,
we may merit also to be his coheirs in heaven.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

August , 2020—19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Love is what moves people through life. Love is what motivates. Love is what gives meaning to life. But what is true love? What does real love look like? The world defines love in countless ways, many of which contradict each other. If you flip through television or YouTube channels, you're likely to find a different definition of love offered by each channel. Love of money, love of possessions, love of knowledge, love of pleasure: all of these are definitions of love that the world offers for our belief.

The Church proclaims that the love of God is summed up by the crucifix. If we want to know what love is, that's all the further we have to look. But to understand the love of God, and to make it part of our own lives, is something much different and more difficult. It requires faith.

Today's Gospel Reading, in turn, shows us how faith becomes love. The dialogue between Jesus and the Gentile woman shows how God relates to each of us who like the Gentile woman is a sinner. This dialogue also shows how God wants us to relate to Him: both in our daily lives, and from the broader perspective of our spiritual growth over the years.

Faith is always required for God to work in our lives. God requires faith, in the sense that He demands it from us. Whenever you read the Gospel and see an occasion where Jesus does not work a miracle, it is not because His divine power has "run out". Without faith on our part, God's grace would be an empty gift. But what kind of faith does God want from us?

The faith that God wants from us is not passive. It's active. God does not want the sort of faith that says, "God is going to take care of everything, so I can sit back and coast." That is not our Catholic understanding of faith. Faith involves something active on our part. It demands constant prayer. It demands the sort of dialogue that we hear between Jesus and the Gentile woman. We might even say that God wants us to challenge Him in our prayer, so that He might challenge us to greater faith, and thereby greater love.

Fr. Thomas Hoisington

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDI!

May the Holy Spirit empower our Confirmation Candidates to witness to Christ, in word and in deed, and to proclaim the gospel message!

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