

St. Mary Our Lady of the Lake

*Christ Centered + Biblically Grounded + Sacramentally Nourished +
Serving Our Neighbors in Christian Love*

June 28, 2020 ~ 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY (vigil) ~ 6:30pm / SUNDAY ~ 8:30am

Reconciliation by Appointment call 607 547-2231 or 315 269-8434



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Faith Formation Director ~

POSITION AVAILABLE

call 315-269-8434 for information

Anointing of the Sick ~ 547-3626

Call the Parish Office, or if at the hospital, contact the Chaplain Office's office

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https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLU1AjCYa9jQboBZU_KzVwg

Past, archived masses can be found here:

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Dear Parishioners;

Last weekend our reopening went wonderfully. The weather was great, the attendance was good considering all factors and the mass is always so special. Please note our new You Tube channel on the front of the bulletin; if the mass times are not convenient right now or you're not ready to come back, we understand but you may now experience the mass here at St. Mary's in your own home.

The Re-opening Committee has done a fantastic job and we are most grateful. We are still in need of volunteers especial to wipe down surfaces after masses. All protective equipment and cleaning solutions will be available.

And it's time to bring in flowers. If you would like to furnish flowers or plants in church please call the office, 547-2213, and we'll be glad to schedule you. Home grown or store bought are both welcome and enhance the liturgy. I do so love "smells and bells"! We you not only hear and see but utilize our other sense to smell, taste and feel we really immerse ourselves in the liturgy of the mass.

Peace,
Karen

Re-Opening Committee

Pandemic Safety Chair: Dr. Raymond McGoldrick

Committee: Erik Stengler, Jeff Woepple, Maureen Murray, Joan & Hank Nicols, Deacon Randy Velez, and Karen Walker



Saturday, June 27

6:30pm Kathy Christman Brizzell and Barbara Jean Brizzell
Req. by the family

Sunday, June 28

8:30am For the Holy Souls of the departed
Req. by the May Memorials

Saturday, July 4

6:30pm Robert Yates
Req. by Edna Chase

Sunday, July 5

8:30am Fr. John Sise
Req. by Jack and Gayle Smith

Mass intentions that had been scheduled during the time we were closed will be rescheduled. Please call the parish office to arrange a convenient date and time.

REOPENING GUIDELINES

- 25% capacity in church; overflow to parish hall where mass will be live streamed
- Masks must be worn
- 6 foot distancing required
- No choir, singing of mass responses only, no hymns yet
- No Eucharistic Ministers, lectors or altar servers reducing touching of objects in the sanctuary. Deacon Randy Velez and Deacon David Nash will be available to assist Father Doyle.
- No collections, please leave donation in locked box at entrance
- Entrance by using the rear door, we will exit the front doors after communion
- No hymnals, bulletins or paper to eliminate transfer of the virus; we will continue to email, mail and have bulletin on web site



Thank you for your May Memorial Offerings in memory of:

Paul and Therese Lachance
Helen Yates
Robert Shirm
Maryellen Wrubleski
Richard Alberio
Helen M. Yates
Patrick Brennan
Robert Taylor

Members of the Brophy family
Members of the Gutierrez family
Members of the Gargiulo family
Members of the Smerski family

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Independence Day Prayer

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

We all know these words by heart. They are from the United States Declaration of Independence. However, are these words held with the same reverence around the world as they are held here at home? Sadly, no. There are many places in the world where it is a life-threatening endeavor to practice one's faith, that faith that was given to each human by that Creator who endowed us with inalienable rights.

Let us take a moment to remember all those people in the world who are not free to seek life, liberty or happiness.

Let us pray...

O God,

you willed that the Jewish people be free from slavery by their Egyptian captors.

You will that all people should be free to worship you without fear

and to celebrate their religious beliefs freely,
even if they have not yet found you.

Grant that those of us who live in this great nation
will thank you daily for our freedom,
and work for the freedom of others around the world
that do not yet have the freedom to practice their faith openly
and proudly.

We seek your wisdom where hatred abounds,
and ask for humility to offer our good works to others who live
in fear and bondage.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord,
who frees us from sin and death through the wood of the
cross.
Amen.



Act of Spiritual Communion

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

Pray for the sick and homebound of our parish:

Fr. Peter Pagones ~ Ivy Bischof ~
Maureen Brennan ~ David Butler ~ Vin Cronin ~
Mary Devenpeck ~ Robert Davenport ~
Richie Davy ~ Stephen Markuson ~ Senator Jim Seward ~ Bradley Smith ~ Sarah Tarr

Pray for members of the military
from our families

Liam Dolan-USMC ~ Ryan Barrow

Please call the Parish Office to add any names.



CATHOLIC BIBLE IQ

- 1) What is "the temple of the Holy spirit" (1Cor 6:19)?
 - a) the temple in Jerusalem,
 - b) your body,
 - c) the nation of Israel,
 - d) your forehead
- 2) Finish this verse: "There are three things that will endure-faith, hope, and love-the greatest of these is...?"
 - a) greater than any power on earth,
 - b) faith,
 - c) hope,
 - d) love
- 3) Peter was imprisoned in King Herod's crack-down against the church. Who sprang him from jail?
 - a) Mark & Timothy,
 - b) Rhoda,
 - c) an angel,
 - d) the church's new SWAT team

Answers from last week's questions

- 1) Who was told to take off his sandals because he stood on holy ground?
B) Moses
- 2) Who healed a lame man at the Beautiful Gate of the temple?
B) Peter & John
- 3) Who got new sandals when he returned?
B) The Prodigal Son

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Elisha promised, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son." (2 Kg 4:16a)

PSALM:

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 89)

SECOND READING:

Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus. (Rom 6:11)

GOSPEL:

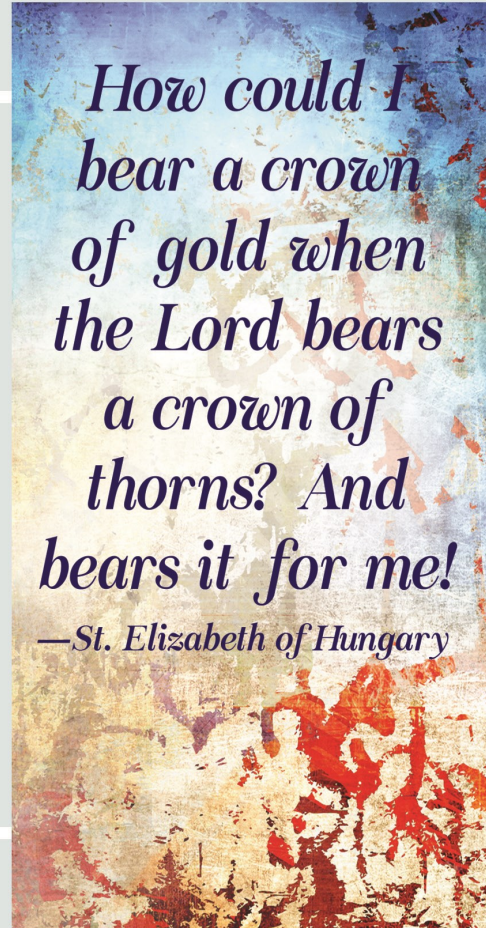
"Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." (Mt 10:38)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 28, 2020

Sunday: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
Tuesday: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
Wednesday: St. Junípero Serra, Priest
Friday: St. Thomas, Apostle
Saturday: Independence Day
Next Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Independence Day



REFLECT

FIRST READING

We hear how the prophet Elisha and his servant Gehazi repaid the Shunammite woman for her generous hospitality. When have you shown excessive generosity to another?

SECOND READING

Paul taught the Roman Christians that through Baptism, believers fully participate in the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. How should this reality impact one's day-to-day living?

GOSPEL READING

Jesus continues to teach his followers the challenges of discipleship. What do you find most challenging in following Christ?

GOD IS LOVE

I was recently at a Catholic conference and had a conversation with someone living in the thick of Hollywood culture. He was Catholic and spoke of how hard it was to live out his faith amid tremendous temptation and negativity toward religion. He spoke about how going to daily Mass helped to keep him centered and stay strong in his faith. He was a great witness to living out one's faith in the face of disbelief.

One thing that he told me stood out above all the rest. He spoke of his engagement to his fiancé and how important it was to him that God was a major part of their relationship and their lives as individuals as well. He told me he said something to her like, "If you don't love Jesus more than you love me, this is never

going to work." What an amazing and truly moving witness!

Songs and books are written about the intense longing one human being can have for another. We can describe another as meaning everything to us. We speak of wanting to offer our complete selves to our beloved. However, true love is about more than wanting to be with that person. It is about wanting that person to know a love even greater than theirs: the love of God. No love can last without God. My Hollywood friend knew this to be the case. He showed his true love for his wife-to-be by sharing more than himself — he shared the very One who created love.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WHY DO CATHOLICS CALL PRIESTS FATHER?

One of the common objections evangelical Christians have to Catholics is our practice of calling priests by the title Father. They will often cite a passage in Matthew's Gospel in which Jesus tells his followers: "Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven" (23:9). It seems pretty straightforward, but when we put this verse in context, we see that Jesus is speaking out against religious leaders who had forgotten what their proper role was and who were bad examples through their own hypocrisy and elitist attitudes.

In other Gospels, we find Jesus himself using the title father for different characters, such as in the Parable of Lazarus and

the Rich Man (Luke 16:19-31) and the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). If we put the verse from Matthew into the full scope of Jesus' teachings, he isn't saying that we can't use words like "father," "rabbi," or "master." Rather, he is telling us that we should be mindful of the full meaning of those titles and not to misuse them.

To call a priest "Father" is more than a sign of respect for the office of the priesthood. It goes all the way back to the way St. Paul understood his own work as a missionary and evangelizer. Paul wrote, "I am writing you in this way not to shame you but to admonish you as my beloved children ... It was I who begot you in Christ Jesus through my preaching of the Gospel. I beg you, then, be imitators of me. This is why I have sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful son in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 4:14-17).

Yes, we have God alone as our heavenly Father, but there are also those here with us who nurture and nourish our faith through their teaching and care. This is why the title of Father has been applied to the church's pastors in different ways since the earliest days of the Church, including monks and nuns using the title "abbot" and "abbess" (from abba) for their spiritual leaders and Christians around the world recognizing the "Holy Father" or "pope" (from papa) as the head of the family that is the Church. The title Father is a reminder that priests have a special responsibility to care for, protect, feed, listen to, and nourish those who have been entrusted to them, all after the example of our Father in heaven who never ceases to give us what we truly need.

LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?" What do you understand these words to mean? Many see these words as an indication of what may come in eternal life. In actuality, they have more to do with our lives here and now. We are called to die to ourselves and offer our lives as gifts given generously to others. It is not about us. We are asked to serve God and not continue in our service of sin. Life is about learning to do what we really do not want to do because it brings us deeper into the mystery of God, ourselves, and others. Learning how to accept and live with the "small deaths" and sacrifices we encounter teaches us how to live with and approach our final death. We can do so with a heart that has been touched by and is open to mercy or one that is self-focused and closed.

"IT IS
LOVE ALONE
THAT GIVES
WORTH TO
ALL THINGS."

ST. TERESA OF AVILA



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Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time. Thank you!



13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

When we were baptized, we were baptized into Christ's death. Take a moment to ponder these profound words. We were baptized into death. In every sense of the word, we are asked to die. This is not just about our final death but about daily deaths due to inconvenience, discomfort, pain, loss, or others' needs. This is an incredible epiphany given the way we very often approach our lives. We do everything to avoid death, let alone encounter it! Many avoid pain, discomfort, inconvenience, uneasiness, change, interference, and suffering of any kind. We put a lot of energy into finding the easiest and least inconvenient way through many things. Even holding the door open for a stranger or saying hello to someone in the store can be major undertakings.

We are called to die. One of the biggest wake-up calls we can have is realizing that life is not about us! There are millions of other people sharing life on this planet with whom I have a relationship. Does my life celebrate those relationships? The most distracting question we can ask is, "What do I want to do?" The more focused, faith-filled question is, "What do I need to do?" What I need to do



may not be what I want to do. However, asking this question more frequently will teach us how to more purposefully and intentionally live so we can be a life giving vessel for others. When we learn to live more sacrificially, to put the needs of others before our own, and to not always seek our own self-interest, we become aware of what baptism into Christ's death is really all about. These are the roots of virtue and the seedbed for justice, tolerance, solidarity, love, and peace.

Learning how to accept all the "small deaths" and sacrifices life calls us to teaches us how

to approach our final death. All deaths ask us to empty ourselves into something or someone else. Whether we empty ourselves into the heart and soul of another human being or empty ourselves into God at the moment of our final death, new life is always received and nurtured. A heart that exclusively seeks its own interest is a heart that is closed to love. A heart that pours itself out to others and is content with being emptied is a heart that has been touched by and open to mercy. It is a heart that overflows with joy.

"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." - Mt 10:37-38

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3 EASY STEPS

TO KEEPING YOURSELF & OTHERS HEALTHY!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



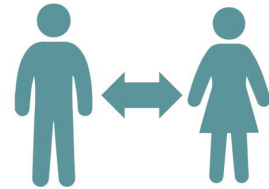
WASH YOUR HANDS

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.



DON'T TOUCH YOUR FACE

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.



KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.



Remember in Your Prayers

**ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD**

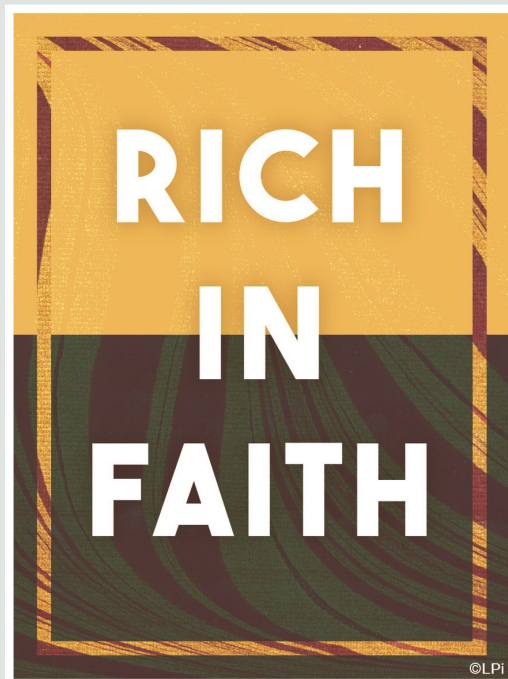


*Compassionate and Loving Father,
In the face of confusion and concern
impart to us the calm of Your presence.
In You allow us to find hope and healing.
Be with those who serve the sick and
give them Your caring hands.
Be with those who lead and give them
Your spirit of wisdom.
Be with those who have fallen ill and
give them Your comforting heart.
Wrap Your arms around our world
and hold us in Your love.
Allow us at this time of trial to then
serve as instruments of that love
to all we meet.
We ask this in Your Name.
Amen*

*“Whoever gives only
a cup of cold water
to one of these
little ones to drink
because the little
one is a disciple—
amen, I say to you,
he will surely not
lose his reward.”*

- Mt 10:42

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