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Saturday 4:00 P.M.

Sunday 8:30 and 10:00 A.M.

Daily Mass

Monday through Saturday 8:00 A.M.

Holy Day Mass

Evening Before 5:30 P.M.

Holy Day 8:00 and 10:00 A.M.

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 3:00–3:30 P.M.

Sacrament of Baptism

A Baptism Preparation Program is required for all registered first-time parents. Please call the Director of Pastoral Care.

Sacrament of Marriage

The bride or groom must be an active registered parishioner for at least six months prior to scheduling a wedding at St. Helena.

Nursery

Services available during the 10:00 A.M. Sunday Mass.

Parish Registration

To register in the parish, please fill out a registration form and return to the Parish Office. Registration forms are available at the entrances of the Church. Return completed form to the Parish Office.

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The Church of St. Helena

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 18, 2019**

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth?"

No, I tell you, but rather division."

- Lk 12:49, 51



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THE WORD

I must confess that I do not fully understand the word of Jesus in today's gospel: do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. Certainly, the peace which Jesus brings is very different from the peace which others offer. And certainly, Jesus was not well received or welcomed by lots of people, but he simply left them and went on to others. And certainly, there was lots of division among people because of his message and because of who he was. It can be said that division was the natural outcome of his message and who he was... You either believed in him or you didn't. You either followed him or you didn't. You either became a companion of Jesus or avoided any contact. Division was inevitable, and maybe it still is today, but it is difficult to understand that Jesus came to establish division!

There is great division among us even today because of Jesus. It happens in our families, or even begins in family life! Children no longer go or belong to a church, or parents no longer go or belong to a church. We even hear that there are more people who don't go to church than there are who go to church. Many have divorced themselves from God and from the church. Division is also evident in many of our institutions, our schools, our health facilities, even in politics. And sometimes, there is division in geography and location and even in our church.

Division is a reality in our world and in our lives. It's almost a fact of life, and it depends on the question: who established division?

Father Villano

PASTOR'S REMARKS

1) Wed., Aug. 21, is our Back to School Night. All students need to be registered at this time. It will take place in Rowan Hall, from 4:00-6:30 P.M.

2) This Sunday, Aug. 18, we celebrate the feast of St. Helena, the patroness of our parish. It is not on the church calendar, but it is special for all of us as we ask her for her protection and guidance in serving the Lord.

3) We are nearing the end of summer vacations and the summer rest. Enjoy it while it is still with us, and get ready for our big parish festival in September.

4) *The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patient endurance, kindness, generosity, faith, mildness, and chastity... Since we live by the spirit, let us follow the spirit's lead.*
Galatians 5:22-25

SAFE ENVIRONMENT UPDATE—All volunteers who have regular interaction with youth and vulnerable adults need to be certified under the Archdiocesan Safe Environment standards. Together we can work to protect God's children and the most vulnerable among us. Thank you for your shared commitment to the achievement of this goal. In addition, the Archdiocesan Victim Assistance line is 651-291-4475.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN—Parents of public school children in grades one through eight can enroll them in the 2019–2020 Wednesday Night Religious Education Program by calling John Sondag at 612-275-0431. This program begins on Wednesday, September 4, at 6:45 P.M. in the school.

ENROLL IN THE 2019-2020 CONFIRMATION PROGRAM—Children in St. Helena parish in the eighth grade (and high school, if they have not yet been Confirmed) will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on May 19, 2020. If you are not in St. Helena grade school, please register now in the 2019-2020 Confirmation Program to prepare for the sacrament by calling John Sondag (612-275-0431).

DOUGHNUTS AND COFFEE ON SUNDAY MORNINGS—Come to Doughnuts and Coffee on Sunday mornings downstairs in Rowan Hall after the 8:30 and 10:00 A.M. Masses. There's a free-will offering, but if you have no money or forgot your wallet or purse, don't worry—please come. It's a great way to meet and visit with parishioners.

A GOOD BOOK TO UNDERSTAND THE FAITH BETTER—The book entitled *Outlines of the Catholic Faith* is available in the bulletin racks at the entrance of the Church. We would appreciate a free-will donation of \$2 to cover the cost of the book.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?—The Church of St. Helena has a program to prepare people to become Catholic which is held on Tuesdays at 7:30 P.M. in the Parish Office Building. To take the program does not mean that you must become a Catholic. Also, if Tuesday evenings are impossible to make, another time can be arranged. For more information, please call Fr. Villano or John Sondag at 612-729-7344.

PARISHIONERS WHO ARE IN NEED OF HELP?—If you are a parishioner who might be out of work, sick and unable to work, or struggling because of financial difficulties or other problems, you can receive help from the St. Vincent de Paul Conference in the parish which reaches out to individuals and families in the parish who are having difficulties. (If you let the conference know of your need, your name will be kept confidential.) For more information or to give the conference your name and need, please call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30—HELP INSERT THE "AUTUMN DAZE EXPRESS" IN PLASTIC BAGS—We need everyone's help (young and old) to help insert thousands of "Autumn Daze Expresses" into plastic bags on Friday, August 30 in Rowan Hall from 8:30 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. Come for an hour or two or the whole day. Lunch will be provided.

WE ALSO HAVE A NURSERY SERVICE DURING THE 10:00 SUNDAY MASS—St. Helena Church offers a nursery service for small children (up to but not including first grade) during the 10:00 A.M. Mass on Sundays. There is no charge for the service. Parents may bring the children downstairs to the nursery before Mass begins, and an adult will watch your children for you while you attend Mass. If you have any questions, call John Sondag (612-275-0431).

USE YOUR MUSICAL TALENTS FOR THE INFIRMED AND ELDERLY—Musicians (young and old, beginner, advanced or in-between) are invited to be part of the St. Helena Music Troop which goes to nursing homes to entertain their residents at least four times a month during the summer. Musicians do not have to come each time we perform. The people who entertain do not play music as a group but individually play the piano, band or symphonic instruments, or sing. If you are interested in participating, please call John Sondag (612-275-0431).

BECOME PART OF THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE—You can assist needy families and individuals by being part of the St. Vincent de Paul Conference in the parish by coming to the next meeting on Thursday, August 29, at 6:30 P.M. in the Parish Office Building. For more information, call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

GIVE A GIFT CARD FOR GROCERIES—When you're grocery shopping, buy a gift card for groceries and give the card to the parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference which can give it to a needy person or family. Place the card in an envelope marked "St. Vincent de Paul Conference" and put the envelope in the collection or bring it to the Parish Offices.

YOU HAVE THE OPTION OF VOLUNTEERING FOR "AUTUMN DAZE" ON THE INTERNET—If you want to volunteer for the festival electronically, click on sthele-na.ivolunteer.com/autumndaze2019. You can also volunteer by talking to a live person, if you call Paul Rivers (612-724-9201).

POP FOR "AUTUMN DAZE"—This year, we are only serving cans of pop and not having fountain pop at "Autumn Daze." So, we really could use cases of pop donated, particularly Pepsi products for the main food lines (Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Mountain Dew, and Sierra Mist), but other brands are fine for the Bingo Concessions and Outdoor Pizza Booth. Watch for sales on pop, and pick up some cases for the "Autumn Daze" Festival. Bring the pop to the Parish Office for "Autumn Daze." We need lots of pop for "Autumn Daze."

WE HAVE A "CRY ROOM"—Parents with small children and infants are welcome to use of the Cry Room in the front of the church, if you go through the side door by the Baptismal font. After you go through the door, turn left, go up a small series of steps, open a door, and you'll enter a room where you can be close to the altar and that has the prayers miked into it, you can see everything that's happening, and your little ones can cry or talk without disturbing others in the main part of the church.

MANY HANDS ARE NEEDED TO DELIVER THE "AUTUMN DAZE EXPRESS"—Please take a route to deliver the "Autumn Daze Express" at your leisure from Saturday, August 31 through Saturday, September 7. You can pick up routes on Saturday morning, August 31, from 8:30 A.M. until 12:00 Noon. (If you need to pick up a route at a different time, call (612-275-0431).)

CALLING ALL PEOPLE WHO KNOW HOW TO PLAY A BAND INSTRUMENT—If you know how to play a band instrument, we are looking for people (young and old) to march in the "Autumn Daze" Parade on Saturday morning, September 14, at 10:00 A.M. The "Autumn Daze" Band will be rehearsing on Friday, August 23, Monday, August 26, and Monday September 9, at 7:00 P.M. in Rowan Hall. Please call John Sondag (612-275-0431) if you have any questions, or just show up for a rehearsal.

ARE YOU MOVING OR DOWNSIZING?—"Autumn Daze" Festival can use those good, used household items and furniture that you want to get rid of. Please call 612-275-0431, if you need them picked up. (No couches, exercise equipment, refrigerators, stoves, electronic musical organs, or clothes, please.)

IF YOU HAVEN'T DONATED ITEMS TO "AUTUMN DAZE"—Check out a table located in the back of church with cards listing items we need for the festival. Take several cards listing the items and bring the items to the Parish Offices.

WANTED: ITEMS FOR THE GENERAL STORE BONANZA—Give the following items to General Store Bonanza at the festival: bottles of merchandise (such as detergent, syrup, and orange juice) or canned goods or dry goods. Please bring them to the back of church or the Parish Offices. Items should not have expiration date before October 31st.

WINE FOR THE "AUTUMN DAZE" FESTIVAL—If you are out shopping, buy several bottles of wine to give to "Autumn Daze." We can use the wine for the Wine Walk, the Wine Toss, Baskets, or other prizes. Bring the wine to the Parish Offices.

WANTED: STUFFED ANIMALS AND GOOD, USED TOYS—Give good, used toys and stuffed animals to "Autumn Daze." Please bring them to the Parish Offices.

CROCHETED, EMBROIDERED, OR KNITTED ITEMS—The Harvest Gift Shoppe at "Autumn Daze" can use crocheted, embroidered, or knitted items. Donate your crafted items to the Festival on Friday, September 13, or Saturday, September 14.

WANTED: GOOD, USED BOOKS FOR THE FESTIVAL—Donate your good, used books (fiction or non-fiction) to the "Autumn Daze" Bookstore. No romance novels, please. You can bring them to the Parish Offices. If you need them picked up, call 612-275-0431.

**AUTUMN DAZE
SEPTEMBER 13, 14, & 15**



SCRIPTURE #1168

**Jer 38:4-6, 8-10
Heb 12:1-4
Lk 12:49-53**

MASS INTENTIONS

8:00 AM

Monday Barb Dobbs
Tuesday For the Benefactors of our Parish & School
Wednesday Marge Nelson
Thursday † Barbara Robertson
Friday † Andrew & † Donna Pukay
Saturday † Irene Marciniak

SACRISTY AIDES—Sandy Martin and Elaine Bruce, (Linens) Mary DeLuney

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

August 19: Jgs 2:11-19, Mt 19:16-22
August 20: Jgs 6:11-24a, Mt 19:23-30
August 21: Jgs 9:6-15, Mt 20:1-16
August 22: Jgs 11:29-39a, Mt 22:1-14
August 23: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22,
Mt 22:34-40
August 24: Rv 21:9b-14, Jn 1:45-51
August 25: Is 66:18-21, Heb 12:5-7, 11-13,
Lk 13:22-30

PARISH CALENDAR

August 19 – August 26

August 19
-Women's Prayer Group, Church, 6:30 pm
August 20
August 21
-Back to School Night, RH, 4:00-6:30 pm
August 22
-Festival Exec. Comm. Mtg., Parish Offices, 7:30 pm
August 23
-Autumn Daze Band Practice, RH, 7:00 pm
August 24
August 25
-Donuts & Coffee after 8:30 & 10:00 Masses, RH
August 26
-Women's Prayer Group, Church, 6:30 pm

PRAYER CORNER God, our Creator, how wonderfully you made man. You transformed dust into your own image, and gave it a share in your own nature. Yet you are more wonderful in pardoning the man who has rebelled against you. Grant that where sin has abounded, grace may more abound, so that we can become holier through forgiveness and be more grateful to you.

A WISH LIST FOR “AUTUMN DAZE”: The festival can use the following:

- *Snow Blowing & Shoveling
- *Lawn Services
- *Home Services—carpentry, electrical, plumbing, and masonry
- *Event Tickets—concerts, shows
- *Housecleaning Services
- *A Catered Brunch, Luncheon, Dinner, or Reception
- *Sporting Goods
- *A Child’s Birthday Party
- *Vacation Homes
- *Cabin Stays
- *Fishing Boats & Kayaks
- *Hotel Packages
- *Memberships
- *Gift Cards
- *Tickets to sporting events—Vikings, Twins, Wild, Timberwolves, Gophers
- *Fishing Excursions
- *Hunting Trips
- *Butchering of a deer
- *Used Automobiles, Motorcycles, Trucks

If you have any questions, call 612-275-0431. Bring items, tickets, or certificates for the services to the Parish Offices.

BAPTISM—A Baptism Preparation Program is required for all registered first-time parents. To register for the class, please call Virginia, the Director of Pastoral Care, at 612-729-7344.

DO YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER NEED A VISIT?—If you or your loved one will be hospitalized or homebound, and would like to receive Eucharist, let us know. Keep in mind hospitals and healthcare facilities cannot contact us. We need to be contacted by family. Please call the Director of Pastoral Care, Virginia, at 612-729-7344.

WOMEN OF ST. HELENA—Every Monday night a group of women meet at Church from 6:30-7:30 P.M. for quiet time and prayer. We pray in silence for a half hour, then voice our prayer requests for family, friends and special intentions, followed with the rosary. If you would like to join us, call Barb Kaluza at 612-21-2504 or Shirley Balster at 612-722-8847, as we sometimes cancel due to weather. All are welcome and encouraged to come and share the blessings of praying with women of varied ages.

SAINT MARY’S CEMETERY—Please join us on Thursday, August 22, at 2:00 P.M. or Friday, August 23, at 11:00 A.M. for an open house and historic tour through St. Mary’s Cemetery. Call 651-448-8866 for more details.



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