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Sunday Mass

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.

Email: church@sainthelena.us

Website: www.sainthelena.us

The Church of St. Helena

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 4, 2021**

*When the sabbath came he began to teach in the
synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished.
They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind
of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are
wrought by his hands!"*

-Mk 6:2



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THE WORD

The poet Gerard Manley Hopkins was a fascinating character in English literature. He became a Jesuit priest, and when he was ordained, he gave up writing poetry for a period of time, because he wanted to devote his time to spiritual matters. Later in life, he wrote more poems.

One of his famous poems he wrote earlier in life for which he is remembered is "God's Grandeur." It starts off with the following: "The world is charged with the grandeur of God. It will flame out like shining from shook foil."

"The world is charged with the grandeur of God." When something is charged, there's something more than what can be seen by the human eye. So, this phenomenon seems to be a problem both here and now plus in the time of Jesus' day.

In Sunday's Gospel, people are asking about our Lord, "Is he not the carpenter, son of Mary,...?" They were astonished that this ordinary looking man who was like them could have such wisdom and perform such extraordinary deeds.

Of course, today's people are shocked that God uses ordinary things, such as bread, wine, oil, and water to make Himself present. In the document, *From Christendom to Apostolic Mission* published by the University of Mary, we read, "Not just at Mass, but all the time, we are living in a

sacramental reality: we inhabit both a visible and invisible world; we make our way through an intermingling of the seen and unseen such that what happens on the visible plane has implications in the vast invisible world. Our bodies are sacramental, a mingling of the spiritual and the material..." (Page 68)

The Gospel says our Lord "was amazed at their lack of faith." Would our Lord react in the same way with respect to the current Western world, to our scientific world that claims that the only reality is what can be measured, weighed, seen, or touched?

No, reality is much larger, more grand than that. Our world is "charged with the grandeur of God." And that's exciting. "In the Christian vision, to be human is to be involved in an extraordinary adventure. The greatest adventure stories ever written are only echoes of it, pale shadows of what the lowliest human is in truth undergoing. This drama began before we were born and will continue after we die, and each of us has been given a unique role to play in it." (*ibid.*, page 70)

Teach me, O Lord, to know Your will, and give me the strength and courage to live out that will.

John Sondag
Director of Religious Education

HOLIDAY CLOSING—The Parish Offices will be closed Monday, July 5, in celebration of our national holiday, Independence Day.

ROSARY BEFORE DAILY MASS—The Rosary is recited Monday through Saturday before Mass at 7:25 AM. All are welcome to join in prayer.

CUPPA JOE: JUST AND REVERENT MAN—Tuesday, July 6, 4:00 P.M., virtual event. In this Year of Saint Joseph, join Fr. Kevin Zilverberg virtually as he explores this amazing saint in his title as Just and Reverent Man, hosted by Saint Joseph, New Hope. This is part of the Cuppa Joe series: 10 talks by 10 theologians on the 10 wonders of Saint Joseph, taking place at 10 locations in our archdiocese entrusted to the patronage of our spiritual father. These talks come just in time for your afternoon coffee. All talks are posted on Facebook, YouTube and Instagram—and at archspm.org/cuppajoe.

FOOD SHELF—Minnesota Summer is here and WOW is it a hot one! Thank you for your kindness and generosity to our local food shelf. Here are some fresh ideas for the summer: Sun block, Wet Ones, paper towels, napkins, granola bars, cereal, peanut butter and jelly, fruit snacks, nuts, crackers, drink mixes, and of course Macaroni and Cheese. All items that are brought in are appreciated. "You will be enriched in every way for all generosity, which produces thanksgiving to God through us. 2 Corinthians 9:11-13

THIS YEAR'S AUTUMN DAZE BIG RAFFLE IS DOUBLE THE FUN!—The spirit of AUTUMN DAZE is indeed alive and well, so much so that this year's \$5,000 RAFFLE has become the \$10,000 RAFFLE. Each ticket is still \$100, but instead of offering 100 tickets for the first session, 200 WILL BE SOLD. The winner of that drawing will receive \$10,000 (or half the amount of tickets sold, if 200 are not sold). After the 4th of July, you can get your raffle ticket early. Stop by the Parish Offices or call 612-729-7344 to purchase a ticket. Or call 651-260-5722 or 612-275-0431, and we'll arrange for you to purchase one or more tickets to enter the NEW AND IMPROVED \$10,000 RAFFLE.

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.

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.

AUTUMN DAZE—SEPTEMBER 17, 18, & 19

COME TO DOUGHNUTS AND COFFEE AFTER THE 8:30 AND 10:00 A.M. MASSES—EVERY SUNDAY— Everyone is invited to “Doughnuts and Coffee” downstairs in Rowan Hall after the 8:30 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. Masses on Sunday mornings. It’s a great way to meet and visit with parishioners.

GRADE AND MIDDLE SCHOOL CHILDREN—VACATION RELIGION PROGRAM—JULY 12 TO 16— Children who are entering kindergarten through eighth grade can be part of the annual Vacation Religion Program in Rowan Hall scheduled for Monday, July 12, to Friday, July 16, from 8:30 to 11:30 A.M. The program will include prayer, instructional time, group activities and projects, Scripture, stories of saints, songs, drama, prizes, and more. There will also be a short recreation period each morning, and there will be refreshments for students each day. The charge is only \$20 per child or \$50 per family, however, no child will be deprived of this program because of finances. The Missionaries of Charity (the Sisters of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta) will again be helping us for this program. Covid-19 protocols will be followed. To register or to receive more information, call John Sondag (612-275-0431).

VOLUNTEER FOR “AUTUMN DAZE”—Everyone (young and old) is encouraged to volunteer for the “Autumn Daze” Festival scheduled for September 17, 18, and 19. You may sign up for Children’s Games, Games of Skill, Games of Chance, Food Booths, Auction, Baskets, Miscellaneous Booths, Bingo, Set-Up and Clean-Up, Decorations, and much more. Even if you are going to be gone on that weekend, we need many volunteers to help with projects for the festival which take place before and after the event. Volunteer sheets are in the bulletin racks or the Parish Offices. For more information, please call 612-275-0431.

IF YOU ARE A PARISHIONER WHO NEEDS HELP—Parishioners who might be out of work, sick and unable to work, or struggling because of financial difficulties or problems can receive assistance from the St. Vincent de Paul Conference in the parish which reaches out to individuals and families in the parish who are having difficulties. (Your name will be kept confidential.) If you need more information or help, please call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH—The Church of St. Helena offers a program that helps people to know more about the Catholic Faith and have their questions answered. For more information, call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

HELP THE NEEDY THROUGH THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE—The St. Vincent de Paul Conference in the parish reaches out to individuals or families who need assistance. Conference members visit their homes to assess how they can be of service and in a very personalized and confidential way give them help. The next meeting is Thursday, July 15, at 6:30 P.M. in the Parish Offices. For more information, call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

ENRICH YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH—You can bolster and enliven your faith by purchasing and listening to some CDs displayed at the handicap entrance to the church. These summer months of leisure and vacation may be a good time to deepen our reflection on Christ, His teachings, and the teachings of the Church.

PRAY THE VIRTUAL ROSARY—FRIDAY EVENINGS AT 7:00 P.M.—You can pray the Rosary with parishioners on Fridays at 7:00 P.M. Call 612-275-0431 to get the Zoom ID and Password.

SUMMER FESTIVAL SALE—Go to www.sainthelena.us and click on Summer Festival Sale to discover many household items, furniture, toys, and more being sold by Autumn Daze.

ARE YOU CLEANING YOUR GARAGE OR ATTIC?—Donate good, used furniture and household items to the “Autumn Daze” Festival for the Auction, Attic Treasures, and some of the other areas and endeavors of the festival. Bring the items to the Parish Offices, or call 612-275-0431 to have them picked up. (No clothes, stoves, electronic musical organs, refrigerators, exercise equipment, or couches, please.)

CASES OF POP FOR “AUTUMN DAZE”—You can donate cases of cans of pop (Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Mountain Dew, Sierra Mist and Brisk Lemonade). If a store has a sale on pop, pick up some cases for the “Autumn Daze” Festival. Bring the pop to the Parish Offices.

DO YOU HAVE A GIFT CARD FOR A RESTAURANT THAT YOU’RE NOT GOING TO USE?—The restaurant is a good one, but it’s out of the area or serves food that your diet restricts. Donate that gift card to the “Autumn Daze” Festival. We can use it as a prize or in some other area connected with the festival. Just put it in an envelope labeled “Autumn Daze,” and drop the envelope in the collection or bring it to the Parish Offices.

WANTED: STUFFED ANIMALS AND GOOD, USED TOYS—We need good, used toys and stuffed animals for “Autumn Daze.” You can bring them to the Parish Offices.

WE NEED CROCHETED, EMBROIDERED, OR KNITTED ITEMS—The Harvest Gift Shoppe at “Autumn Daze,” can use items that are crocheted, embroidered, or knitted. Donate your crafted items to the Festival on Friday, September 17 or Saturday, September 18.

GOOD, USED BOOKS FOR THE FESTIVAL—Give 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, but if you need them picked up, call 612-275-0431.

DO YOU HAVE OLD BASEBALL CARDS?—This year, at the “Autumn Daze” Festival, we going to have a new booth which will sell sealed envelopes having baseball cards. So, donate your good, used cards, and we can re-sell them. Bring them to the Parish Offices or call 612-275-0431



SCRIPTURE # 1149

**Ez 2:2-5
2 Cor 12:7-10
Mk 6:1-6a**

MASS INTENTIONS

8:00 AM

Monday	†	Irene Palluck
Tuesday	†	Ellen Carvatt
Wednesday	†	Eleanor Quandt
Thursday	†	John Hobyan
Friday	†	Grace Lentini
Saturday		Joan Korkowski

SACRISTY LINENS—Ann Holleschau

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

July 5: Gn 28:10-22a, Mt 9:18-26
July 6: Gn 32:23-33, Mt 9:32-38
July 7: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a,
Mt 10:1-7
July 8: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5,
Mt 10:7-15
July 9: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30, Mt 10:16-23
July 10: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a,
Mt 10:24-33
July 11: Am 7:12-15, Eph 1:3-14, Mk 6:7-13

PARISH CALENDAR

July 5—July 12

July 5

-Parish Offices Closed

July 6

July 7

July 8

July 9

-Women's Prayer Group, Church, 8:30 am

-Virtual Rosary, 7:00 pm

July 10

-Confession, Church, 3:00 pm

-Mass, Church, 4:00 pm

July 11

-Mass, Church, 8:30 am & 10:00 am

-Doughnuts & Coffee, RH, after 8:30 & 10:00 Masses

July 12

*-Vacation Religion Program begins, Rowan Hall,
8:30-11:30 am*

Daily Mass, Monday-Saturday, Church, 8:00 am

FR. DALY BREAD

*Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom (2 Cor. 3:17). Freedom and liberty is not doing what I want, when I want, and how I want – that is licentiousness, which leads to debauchery; freedom and liberty is **the ability to do what I ought to do**, the ability to choose the good, the ability to follow God, which leads to virtue and strength. *For freedom Christ has set us free; stand fast therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. [...] For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love be servants of one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself (Gal. 5:1, 13). This Independence Day, let us celebrate the deepest freedom which Jesus won for us through His Precious Blood and live in interior freedom as Children of the Light**

In Christ, Fr. Michael

A WISH LIST FOR “AUTUMN DAZE”: Here’s some of the items that can be donated by individuals, corporations, or groups of people for the auction, prizes, or Attic Treasures:

- *Housecleaning Services
- *Tickets to Sporting events—Vikings, Twins, Wild, Timberwolves, Gophers
- *A Catered Brunch, Luncheon, Dinner, or Reception
- *Sporting Goods
- *A Child’s Birthday Party
- *Vacation Homes
- *Cabin Stays
- *Fishing Boats
- *Kayaks
- *Hotel Packages
- *Snow Blowing & Shoveling
- *Lawn Services
- *Home Services-carpentry, electrical, plumbing, and masonry
- *Event Tickets-concerts, shows
- *Gift Cards
- *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.

PRAYER CORNER

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