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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

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 11, 2021**

*Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out
two by two and gave them authority over unclean
spirits. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they
anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.*

Mk 6:7, 13



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THE WORD

I'm intrigued by the evangelical counsel of poverty, that is, giving up material goods for the sake of the Kingdom of God. I've witnessed it first hand with the Missionaries of Charity (the Sisters of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta) and the Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus in New Ulm, Minnesota, and these women live by Divine Providence (in other words, they get no salaries).

These sisters seem to take seriously our Lord's directives that we hear in this Sunday's Gospel. Jesus instructs the Twelve and sends them out two by two. He tells "them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic."

It's apparent that we need this same type witness to poverty and simplicity in our modern society in which material wealth is a bench mark of success—money means everything. That's why the vows of consecrated religious of poverty, chastity, and obedience are so important. They're a testament to the fact that spiritual realities are pre-eminent. We are not just flesh and bones, but we have a spiritual component, and there is a spiritual world that exists. Material things created by God are good, but there's something better, and our destiny is eternal.

Those who are not consecrated religious are also called to live a life of being poor in spirit. St. Thomas More is a sterling example of being poor in spirit. He had been the Chan-

cellor of England, possessed wealth, and had a family, but gave up all of these rather than deny the Faith. He was a witness to the Gospel.

Our job and privilege as laity is to bring the message of Jesus Christ into the secular world, however to be effective in our mission our Lord counsels us to live simply in a poverty of spirit. And, that happens today.

Examples abound. The married couple who struggles to afford a Catholic education; the father who does not take a promotion because it will involve too much time away from his family even though he may receive a considerable increase in salary; the mother who stays at home for the sake of her children rather than advance in her business career; the family who takes in a pregnant, needy girl into their home; the husband and wife who welcome a baby at an inconvenient time; and the single person who helps financially in supporting other brothers and sisters with the raising of their families.

As Baptized and Confirmed Catholics, we have been called and marked to be prophets—people who brings the Good News of Jesus Christ to others. If we follow our Lord's advice of simplicity and poverty of spirit, we are likely to be effective and authentic communicators of His message. What an honor!

John Sondag, Director of Religious Education

CONGRATULATIONS—to former St. Helena students for their academic achievements at Academy of Holy Angels for the third trimester: Sara Cooney-Honor Roll; Madeline Korogi-High Honors; Tyler Niznick-Honor Roll; Connor Niznick-High Honors. Way to go!

CONGRATULATIONS—to former St. Helena students for their academic achievement at DeLaSalle High School for the second semester. High Honors: Josh Biermaier, Sophia DuPont, Harrison Wallander, Michael Fuentes Palma, Dylan Kist, Will Merrigan, Kate Thibault, Josh Ung, Angie Bunay, Joseph Merrigan, Mayra Godinez Alarcon, Olivia Harlan, Edward Ortiz Molina. Honors-Liam Linares, Cheryl Fuentes Palma, Sophia Copeland, Becky Torres Riera, Lenny Rodriguez.

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

WOMEN OF ST. HELENA—Every Friday morning a group of women meet at Church after the 8:00 Mass 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, please call Barb Kaluza at 612-721-2504 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.

DONATE 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.

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.

PRAYER CORNER

So that your people may walk in innocence, you came to us, Lord Jesus, and told us to be holy as your Father is holy. Help your children to love what is truly perfect, so that we may neither speak what is evil nor do what is wrong. Let us stand in your sight and celebrate with you the Father's love and justice.

DOUGHNUTS AND COFFEE ARE BACK—EVERY SUNDAY—After many months, we have resumed “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.

VACATION RELIGION PROGRAM FOR GRADE SCHOOL CHILDREN—THIS WEEK, JULY 12 TO 16—Parents of children who are entering kindergarten through eighth grade can still sign them up for 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).

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?—The Church of St. Helena has a program that prepares people to become Catholic. It’s held on Tuesday evenings, at 7:30 P.M. in the Parish Offices. If Tuesdays are impossible for any individual, another time can be negotiated. For more information, call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

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

BE PART OF 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, 2021, at 6:30 P.M. in the Parish Offices. For more information, call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

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.

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.

LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH—You can enrich your faith by purchasing and listening to some CDs displayed at the handicap entrance to the church.

YOU CAN GET SOME GOOD DEALS AT THE 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.

HELP WITH THE “AUTUMN DAZE” FESTIVAL—Everyone (young and old) is invited to help with 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.

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.

ARE YOU MOVING OR DOWNSIZING?—Donate good, used furniture and household items to the “Autumn Daze” Festival for the Auction, Attic Treasures, and some of the other booths. 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.)

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 31, 2021.

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: 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.

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 17, or Saturday, September 18.

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



SCRIPTURE # 1152

**Am 7:12-15
Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10
Mk 6:7-13**

MASS INTENTIONS

8:00 AM

Monday	†	Bernice Schouviller
Tuesday	†	Al Mosiniak
Wednesday	†	Andrew & † Donna Pukay
Thursday	†	Patrick McGlade
Friday	†	Dick Larson
Saturday	†	Salvatore Lentini

SACRISTY LINENS—Ann Holleschau

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

July 12: Ex 1:8-14, 22, Mt 10:34—11:1
July 13: Ex 2:1-15a, Mt 11:20-24
July 14: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12, Mt 11:25-27
July 15: Ex 3:13-20, Mt 11:28-30
July 16: Ex 11:10—12:14, Mt 12:1-8
July 17: Ex 12:37-42, Mt 12:14-21
July 18: Jer 23:1-6, Eph 2:13-18, Mk 6:30-34

PARISH CALENDAR

July 12—July 19

July 12

-Vacation Rel. Program, Rowan Hall, 8:30-11:30 am

July 13

-Vacation Rel. Program, Rowan Hall, 8:30-11:30 am

July 14

-Vacation Rel. Program, Rowan Hall, 8:30-11:30 am

July 15

-Vacation Rel. Program, Rowan Hall, 8:30-11:30 am

-St. Vincent de Paul Mtg., Parish Offices, 6:30 pm

July 16

-Vacation Rel. Program, Rowan Hall, 8:30-11:30 am

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

-Virtual Rosary, 7:00 pm

July 17

-Confession, Church, 3:00 pm

-Mass, Church, 4:00 pm

July 18

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

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

July 19

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

FR. DALY BREAD

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity said, "The life of a priest is an Advent bringing forth the incarnation of souls." Fr. Villano shared with us in his prayerful letter that his greatest joy has been "to stand with you before the Lord and in your company, giving glory and praise, thanksgiving and intercession, to be with you at Holy Mass." I am deeply inspired to learn that the foundation of Fr. Villano's quiet strength and prayerful shepherding is from the source and summit of our faith: the Holy Eucharist.

Similarly, St. Elizabeth of the Trinity roots her Eucharistic devotion in the most sacred moment of the Mass—thus, we also see that this kind of communal praise is not an individualistic or private pursuit, but one that involves the whole mystical body of Christ. As she enters into a prolonged period of mental prayer, she asks for the priest's help: "When you consecrate the host where Jesus, 'who alone is Holy,' will be incarnate, consecrate me with Him 'as the victim of **the praise of glory**' until all my aspirations, all my movements, all my actions pay homage to the Holy One." (L 244, October 1905)

Fr. Villano was called and chosen by God to be His priest for His people, *so that we might exist for **the praise of his glory**, we who first hoped in Christ* (Eph 1:12). Let us give thanks and praise God for His glory that shown through Fr. Villano, bringing forth the incarnation of Jesus within our souls.

Peace, Fr. Michael

PS – I'm excited to praise God with the children and the Missionaries of Charity sisters during our vacation religion program this week!

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.

SPECIAL DONATIONS WANTED FOR "AUTUMN DAZE": Items that can be donated by individuals, corporations, or groups of people for the Auction, Attic Treasures, or other areas of the festival: 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; and Hotel Packages.



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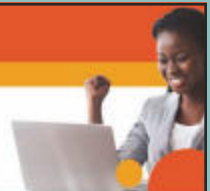
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