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SACRAMENTS AT ST. LUCY'S

Reconciliation: Saturdays at
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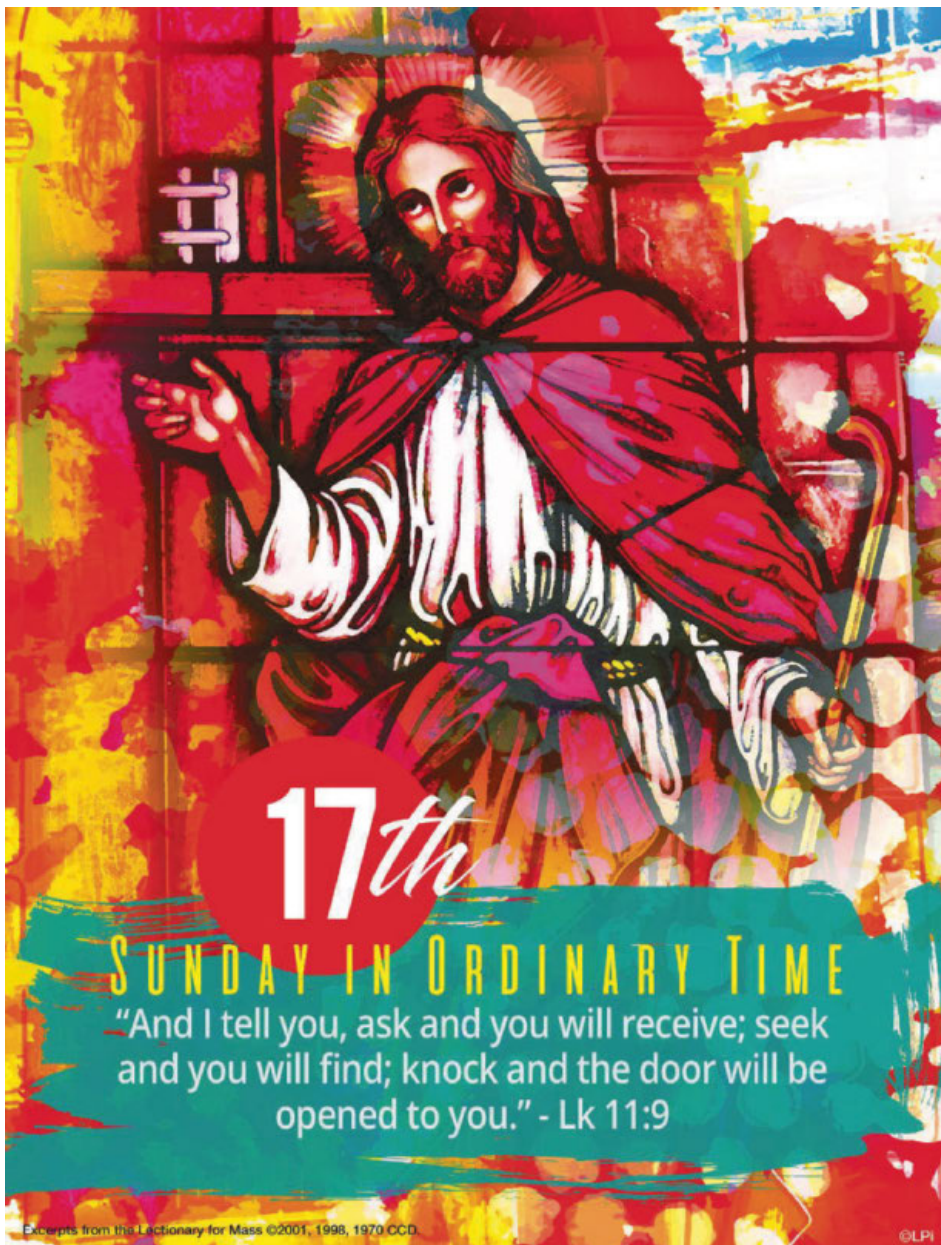
Baptism: Baptisms are celebrated
monthly but must be scheduled weeks
in advance. Active parishioners should
contact your parish office to begin preparations.

Marriage: Diocesan requirements state that arrangements should begin at least 6 months to one year before desired date of marriage. Active parishioners should contact the parish office for more details.

Adult Confirmation: Preparation for RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation & Baptism for Adults, begins in October. Candidates are prepared for sacraments at Easter. Contact your parish office for more information.

Anointing of the Sick: Chaplains are available at the local hospital during the day and in the evenings for emergency. Because of privacy issues you may have to ask to see the priest. However, if you know you are going, or know of someone who could use a visit today, please do not hesitate to call your parish priest.

Holy Orders: Is God calling you or someone you know to the priesthood? Look into the invitation by speaking with your parish priest or visit the diocesan vocations office website at www.catholicpriest.com



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MASS INTENTIONS are available. Call the office to have a Mass celebrated for your living intention or the repose of the soul of a deceased family member, or another specific intention. Mass intentions are published so the entire community may pray at the Lord's table during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Since this is a public announcement, "special intentions" or "private intentions" are not appropriate to be published here but should be brought to Mass on your own. Likewise, we pray for all the departed at every Mass, so Mass intentions "for the souls in purgatory" is redundant.

Saturday, July 23: Vigil of the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Sr. Sheila Murphy, SSJ (living)

Sunday, July 24: The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Sr. Anne Barat Corcoran, RSHM

10:30am Esther Mastriano

7:00pm For the (living) people of the parish

Monday, July 25: St. James, Apostle

9:00am

Tuesday, July 26: Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am Frederic J. Kellely, Jr.

Wednesday, July 27: Weekday

9:00am

Thursday, July 28: Weekday

9:00am (Intention of the Celebrant)

Friday, July 29: St. Martha

9:00am Vincent & Rita McMahon & Family

Saturday, July 30: Vigil of the 18th Sunday O.T.

5:00pm Floyd and Mary Coleman

Sunday, July 31: The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am George & Helen Leeber

10:30am Aurelio & Hilaria Villacorta (Anniversary of death)

Erlinda Loyola

7:00pm For the (living) people of the parish

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

(all meetings in the Parish Center unless noted)

Tuesday, July 26

6:30-7:30am Men's Prayer Group (Church)

6:30pm St. Vincent de Paul Conference

Friday, July 29 (Church)

5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet

8:00pm Benediction



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences - our all-ages Religious Education Program)

Today's Gospel about prayer is one that is always new to me; a passage that is as if I'm hearing it for the very first time. I think it's that way because prayer is an opportunity for growth, for strengthening one's relationship with God and prayer provides direction to the prayer.

The disciples lived with Jesus, saw him interact with others, shared meals with him, and most certainly saw him settle down to quietly be with His Father to pray. After all that, they still didn't feel as if they had the knowledge, or slightest idea, on how to pray - so they ask Jesus to teach them to pray.

Prayer is something to be learned. Jesus, as a child was taught to talk, walk, and feed himself; his parents also taught him to pray. He was taught out of their own lived experiences of relating with God, and also from their Hebrew Scriptures. Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Synagogue where he learned of Tradition and was taught by the Jewish elders.

With his disciples, Jesus begins his teaching by telling them to call God "*Father*;" showing them that he is a child of God. In telling his disciples (and us) to call God "*Father*," he teaches us that we are, in fact, God's own children - loved by and cared for by God. Jesus then shares short petitions that draw us into a deeper relationship with God. Take time to contemplate and focus on each sentence of the Lord's Prayer. In it one can see how Jesus himself applied those words in his life. Jesus' life teaches us to *truly pray* by making our work, our play, and our interactions - every moment: a prayer. Finally, Jesus assures and reassures us that *God is always with us*.

Colette Savaria, LIFE Coordinator

WELCOME

A warm welcome to this year's class from the Newport Navy War College. Thank you for your family's service and commitment to our Nation and your witness to our Faith. We're so glad you are part of our community during your stay.



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS:

The St. Vincent de Paul conference will meet Tuesday, July 26 at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. All are welcome to attend. We are seeking active and associate members to join our mission, to serve the poor in our community, as well as strengthening our members' spiritual lives. St. Lucy's conference will not meet on Tuesday, Aug. 9 as previously scheduled.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. Your donations may be dropped in the SVDP box in the Narthex or mailed to the rectory. For more information please contact us at stlucysvdp@gmail.com.



COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE (CAC) NEWS:

St. Lucy's CAC is again looking for your help with our annual collection of *Back to School Supplies for Child & Family Services*. We are requesting donations for middle and high school aged students.

Any type of school supplies are appreciated including sturdy backpacks, calculators, binders, notebooks, pens, pencils, highlighters, etc. Please place items in the bins marked school supplies. *If you would prefer making a monetary donation or provide a gift card, please mark the envelope "C & F School Supplies." Checks should be made payable to Child & Family Services. Thank you for your continued support; we truly appreciate it!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:338-42
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12
Sunday: Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

DAILY MASS - 9:00 AM
**22 minutes that will change
your life.**



CONSTRUCTION / PROJECT UPDATES

RECTORY WINDOW AND SIDING REPAIRS: The 6 rotting lower-level windows have been replaced. Fortunately there was no damage found at the sill or structure beyond the windows themselves. The work to replace the siding is scheduled to commence Friday August 5. Please feel free to walk around the rectory to see the extent of the damage before this work commences.

TWO FLAG POLES are slated to be installed the first week of August on the street-side of the church. The two flag poles will fly the American Flag and the Vatican City-State Flag. Details for memorial opportunities for the flags and poles will be available after their installation.

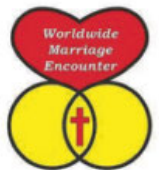
The parking lot is scheduled to be re-stripped in August as well, also a long-overdue project. Just In time for the winter season.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

JESUS SAVIOUR'S ANNUAL SUMMER BAZAAR will be held on July 28-July 30th from 5pm-11pm nightly. The Bazaar will feature bingo, pull tabs, kiddy land, assorted games and white elephant. Homemade fava, chourico sandwiches and homemade pastries are the kitchen specials. A Major raffle will be held with prizes totaling \$1,500.00 (2-\$250 and 2-\$500 drawings). Admission is FREE and open to the public; visit them at the Vernon Avenue grounds!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: WWME

is sponsoring a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples will explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Joe and Ginny Vatelle at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org>.



July 24, 2022

Father, my cousin was married for over 20 years before his divorce. He just got an annulment from the church. Is that possible after so many years?

GLAD YOU ASKED

Yes it is very possible. A Church Annulment is a declaration from the Catholic Church that a specific union, presumably begun in good faith, and thought by all to be a marriage, was, in fact, not a true (sacramental) union according to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Although the details of what that means exactly are too lengthy to list here, suffice it to say It does not necessarily matter how long a couple was married, how many kids they had, what their social or economic status is. It's always good to periodically review annulments. Each day many of our friends pray and ask if this is something they should pursue.

Some basics: Each and every marriage (Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, non-believer, etc.) is presumed to be a true marriage. The good of all concerned demands this presumption. This is why a formal declaration of nullity is warranted.

Did you know...

- divorced Catholics ARE NOT excommunicated from the Church?
- how much money you have is NOT CONSIDERED in the success of a petition for an annulment?
- children of annulled marriages ARE JUST as LEGITIMATE as any other child?
- a divorce couple who stayed MARRIED FOR 40 or more years may still apply for an annulment.
- some annulments may take a year or more to investigate but others might take as little as ONE WEEK.
- former spouses do not have to speak or have contact with each other during the process..
- petition for an annulment DOES NOT have to begin in the parish or diocese of your church marriage.
- even if your application was rejected, it can always be re-submitted. Perhaps something was missed first time around that may have been relevant to the process.

So, you ask, where do I go from here?

If you, or a friend, might benefit from looking in to an annulment and perhaps subsequent blessing of their current civil marriage, contact Fr. Codega or any priest in any parish to inquire about an annulment process.

Glad you asked..

Fr. Codega

HELP WANTED

St. Lucy parish has an immediate opening for a part-time **bookkeeper / business manager**. Flexible hours, school hours, nights or weekends OK. Knowledge of QuickBooks or other current software required. For more information contact Father Codega directly at PastorStLucyRI@gmail.com



LAST CALL - CALLING MEN OF ALL AGES!

MEN OF ST JOSEPH will be sponsoring the 6th annual men's day, to be held August 6th at McVinney Auditorium in Providence from 8AM - 3:30PM.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER, GO TO OUR WEBPAGE AT STLUCY.ORG FOR A LINK.

AFTER YOU REGISTER - LET FR. CODEGA KNOW SO WE MAY ARRANGE CAR-POOLING FROM HERE.

WELCOME FR. JUDE KASAIJA, FROM THE DIOCESE OF FORT PORTAL, UGANDA

We Welcome Fr. Jude Kasaija to our parish. He will be covering morning Masses this week.

Fr Jude is a diocesan priest from Christ the King parish, in the Fort Portal Diocese of Uganda. Father was ordained in 2011, and currently serves several villages in his vast territorial parish. While his visit to the Unites States is primarily a personal-holiday and sabbatical, he looks forward to meeting the good people of the parish, learning more of our culture and faith practices and visiting local attractions. Fr. Jude enjoys sharing his stories. Please invite him to breakfast or lunch and share your story with him as well.



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