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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:30pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 11:00am and 6:00pm
Weekdays: 12:15pm

NO 12:15PM MASS ON FEDERAL HOLIDAYS
Thursdays: Novena to St. Jude after Mass

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 10:30am and 5:30pm
Thursday: 8:00pm

St. Luke's Ordinariate Parish

Mass: Sunday at 8:30am
Rev. John A. Vidal, PASTOR
stlukesordinariate.com

Parish Office

Tuesday-Friday, 9am-12pm; 1:15pm-5pm Closed Mondays and Federal Holidays
Ms. MARY STAFFORD, PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
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The Prince of Peace wants to set the world on fire? This Sunday's Gospel can sound more intense than what we may be accustomed to. It's a passage of contradictions. Jesus so clearly prays for unity, yet here He speaks of division. Why would our God who comes as an offering of love speak so frankly about causing relationships to be torn apart?

The sobering truth is that Jesus is divisive. We see this throughout the Gospels, as the Pharisees critique Him, the Romans condemn Him, and not everyone in the crowd is enthusiastic about His words. Jesus has not come for the purpose of dividing, but what He does is so radical that it upends the status quo. And it doesn't end with His preaching and miracles! "There is a baptism with which I must be baptized."

Jesus isn't talking about His baptism at the Jordan River, which has already occurred, but the passing through the waters of death on the Cross and rising again to new life in the resurrection. This is divisive stuff! Christ's spiritual fire turned the "fathers" - the Jewish people and Pharisees - against the "sons" - the common people. Not everyone wants the Gospel Jesus is preaching. Not everyone wants to be set on fire with the desire to love others. Some prefer to put on a warm sweater and curl up in front of the TV.

In living and loving as Jesus did, we, too, might ruffle some feathers. In disciplining our teenage child for sneaking out, we may cause some division (temporarily, we hope!). In standing up to gossip and the spread of cruel rumors in our workplace, we might cause division. In emphasizing the dignity of both the desperate mother and the unborn child, we might cause division. Not everyone wants the Gospel Jesus is preaching. Not everyone wants the Gospel we are invited to live. But that's no excuse not to live it.

Announcements

Holy Hour

There is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday evening at 7:30. There will be a preached meditation followed by Confessions from 8:00-8:30pm.

Should Priests Be Celibate? with Fr. Carter Griffin

Join us **September 3 at 7:30PM** in the school auditorium as Fr. Carter Griffin, the author of "Why Celibacy: Reclaiming the Fatherhood of the Priest," discusses some critiques and misconceptions about priestly celibacy: is it a relic of the past, or a way for priests to exercise their spiritual fatherhood with joy? All are welcome and refreshments will be served.

Ladies Sodality Garden Party

The Ladies Sodality will host their annual garden party in the parish garden on **September 8** after the 11:00am Mass. Please see the flyer in the bulletin or the bulletin board in the vestibule with the menu and contact information.

Blessed is She SHINE Retreat

We have a parish discount (15%) for this women's retreat. Email icyagroup@gmail.com for more details. **This is open to ALL WOMEN in our parish.**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your contributions!

Contributions are posted the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

We invite you to help us meet our goal of collecting \$6,000 per week in order to cover all parish ministry costs.

We thank you for your generosity!

Immaculate Conception Young Adults Singles—Young—Married—Ages 21-40 icyagroup@gmail.com

Are you interested in helping influence the faith formation of the next generation? Or perhaps you'd like to accompany those seeking to enter the Catholic Church. If yes, look no further! Immaculate Conception is seeking volunteers to teach CCD and/or mentor those participating in RCIA this coming fall. If interested and available, please e mail icyagroup@gmail.com for more information—we'd love to have you join us!

Bible Studies

ICYA is hosting men's/women's Bible studies. Women's Bible study is at **10:00AM on Sundays** and men's Bible study is **after the 11:00 Mass on Sundays.**

Men's Contact: Adam Clarke

Women's Contact: Katrina Gallic

Please email ICYA group for Bible study locations.

August Supper Club—El Tamarindo August 26 @7PM

Supper Club with a Salvadoran spin! RSVP by emailing us with the subject line 'Breaking Bread' or stop by our Facebook event page. Seating is limited and this event will fill up.

Nationals vs Phillies—September 25 @ 7:05PM

Say goodbye to summer with ICYA at Nats Park! ICYA has a group ticket link! Tickets are in Section 242 and include an \$8 concession voucher. Please visit the Facebook event or email us for the link to purchase. All tickets must be purchased by September 22.

We are gauging interest in fall softball, soccer, flag football and social sports team. All skill levels welcome. If you are interested please email for more information.

Please pick up an event card in the back of the church to find out more about ICYA, including how you can join our listerv!

MASS INTENTIONS
WEEK OF AUGUST 18, 2019

+Indicates that the person is deceased

- Mon. August 19 +Martha Blakeney
- Tues. August 20 +Nettie Hourke
- Wed. August 21 +Marcellus Myles, Jr.
- Thurs. August 22 +Regina White
- Fri. August 23 +George Scriber
- Sat. August 24 (5:30pm) +Donald E. Price
- Sun. August 25 (11am) *Victor Diaz and Emily Campbell*
- Sun. August 25 (6:00pm) For the Parish

If you would like to reserve a Mass intention, kindly contact the administrative assistant for more information. Please keep in mind that we ask a gift of \$10 for Mass intentions.



Please Remember the Sick of our Parish:

Charles Fletcher, Michelle Jones Robinson, Sherrie Robinson, Dennis Scurry, Jr., Philip Sesay, Ruth Scott, LaWon Sumbly, Chrissy Thompson, and Eric Vacca, Sr.



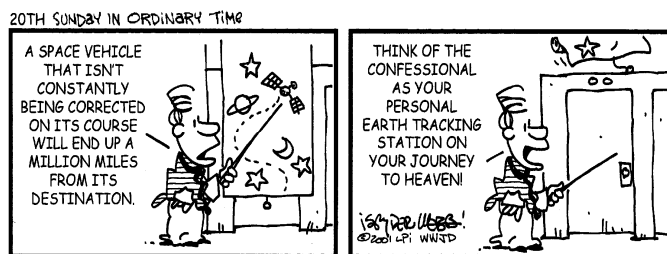
BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 18-AUGUST 24

- Molly Serene Dunn
- Judy Gallagher Pannell
- Christopher Mark Chopko
- Christopher Granger

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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- Bible Study, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Lectors:**
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- Sunday School:**
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- Youth Group:**
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Letter of Recommendation

A parishioner known by the pastor or registered with the parish for three months can receive a letter of recommendation stating their eligibility to become a godparent in a baptism or a sponsor for a confirmation in another parish.



If you are new to the parish, please register with us! Registration cards are available for your use in the vestibule on the podium. New parishioners are also encouraged to participate in the online Faith Direct program to make their offerings. **Please be sure to inform the parish administrative assistant if you register with Faith Direct.** Access Faith Direct online at www.faithdirect.net, using the parish code: DC341.

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