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August 21, 2022

Readings for the week

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2/
Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps
96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/
Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps
145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-
51

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-
3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2,
4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps
33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 25:14-
30

Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28
-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11/Heb
12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

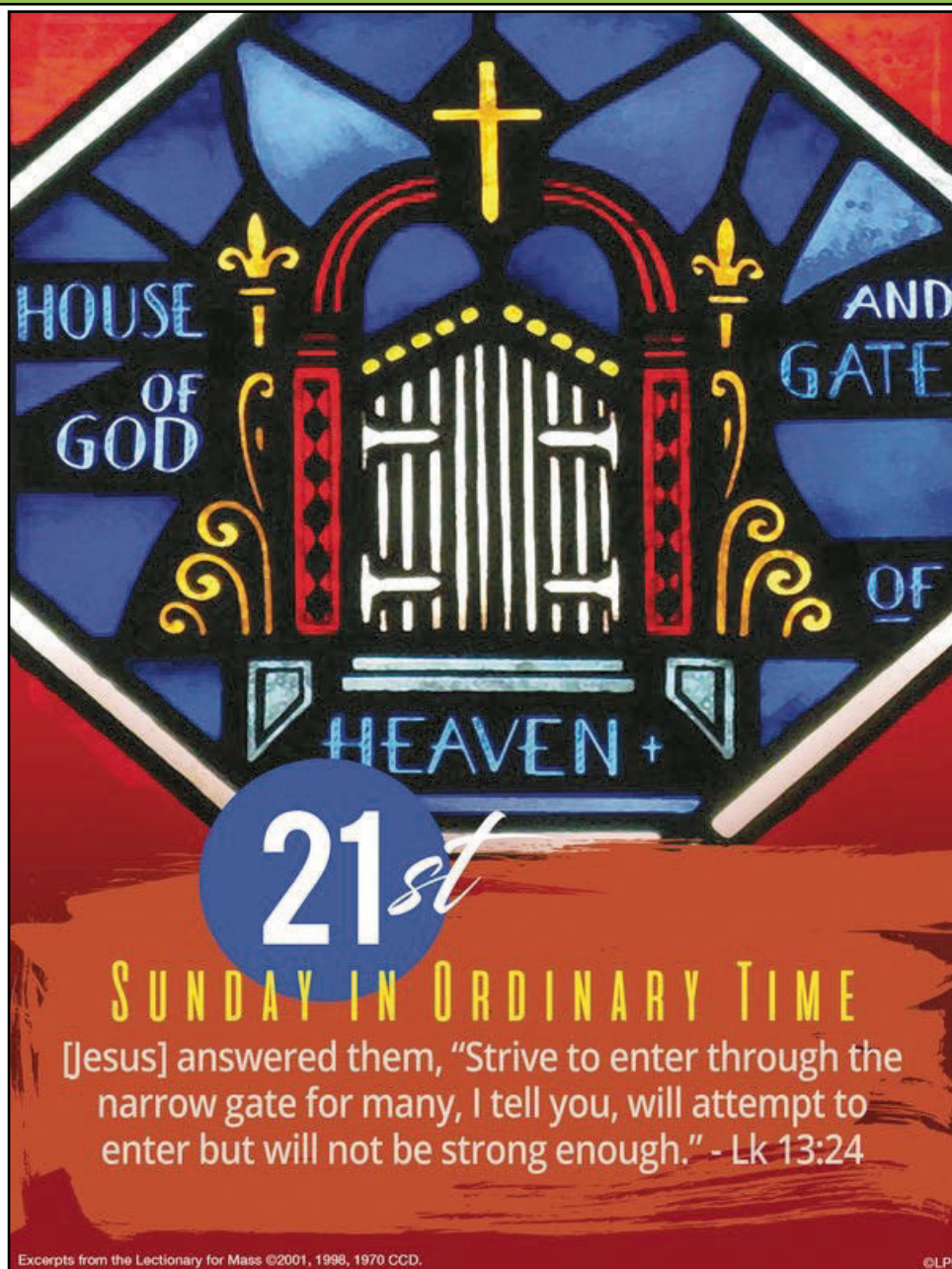
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Mass Schedule: Tuesday and Wednesday at 9:00 AM
Monday, Thursday and Friday (No Services at this Time)
Saturday at 4:30 PM Sunday at 10:00 AM

As we pray this week:

Like physical exercises which build strength and stamina, these exercises for finding intimacy with God in our everyday lives involve practice. Nobody ever got good at soccer or baseball, running or dancing without careful practice that becomes a habit, a way of life. And, no one even attempts such a regimen without great desire. The same is true with having a better relationship with our Lord. It takes great desire to sustain a routine of reflection and affective, intimate conversation. Such prayerful focus and connectedness takes discipline, but it quickly becomes natural. And, the rewards are phenomenal. We can practice this week by asking ourselves some deep questions in the background of our life each day. Beginning each day by briefly expressing a desire to be more self-aware and transparent with our Lord, we can ask ourselves some probing questions.

In what ways am I a hypocrite? How do I use a double standard - harsher on others than I am on myself? How do I like to appear as a religious person, but actually lack mercy and deeds of charity? Am I a good steward of the gifts with which God has entrusted me?

As I grow in the ability to reflect throughout the day, I might try to recognize my inner spirit, my attitudes, the ways I respond. It is a way of staying alert and places me with my Lord in conversation, in the background as I make decisions, as I experience my reactions to events and people. Sometimes, I might just be saying "Thank you, Lord," expressing gratitude for what I've been given. At other times, that will quickly turn to a reflection on how I will be a good steward of those gifts. Hearing the readings this week, I might want to monitor how my fears or my laziness might prevent me from being bold about using the gifts the Lord has given me to build up the Kingdom in my world.

Preparing for celebrating God's love on Sunday, I can focus on the readings for and ask to be more humble in my life. Who is "the poor, the crippled, the lame" person who needs to be invited more deeply into my life?

Help me Lord to hear your word to me, even when it challenges me. Open my heart and guide me to use my talents to serve you. Teach me to be generous, Lord.

Selections from: Creighton University Online Ministry, Daily Prayer

The Liturgy committee would like to thank Dee Milner and Karen Melville for their years of service. After serving on the committee, including environment, for many years, Karen and Dee have stepped down. Throughout the years, they have tirelessly used their God-given gifts to do all they can to help the committee reach their goal of making Liturgies, as well as special events for Liturgical Ministers, such as Ministry Day, here at St. Christopher's as meaningful and memorable as possible. The committee will miss them but are very grateful for their many years of service.

SAVE THE DATE: The next Christ-Life session will be Sunday, Sept. 18 after the 10:00 Mass.

Please remember: Lyle Trumble, who has entered the fullness of life. We pray for the soul of Lyle, for his wife, Celeste Dynski-Trumble, former choir director of St. Christopher's and for all his family and friends during this difficult time.

Happy 29th anniversary, Fr. Eloo!! August 21 marks Fr. Eloo's 29th anniversary in the priesthood. We wish him many blessings!!

Some blessed religious items have been donated to St. Christopher's. There are still some items left! They can be found in the front entrance of the church. Feel free to take whatever you would like.

RETURNING TO THE CHAPEL: We are happy to announce that we have been preparing the chapel so it can be utilized. Confessions have returned to the chapel area as soon will daily Mass. We also will return to having Anointing of the Sick every third weekend of the month after both Masses in the chapel for anyone who feels the need.

SICK LIST UPDATE: We have come to realize that many on the sick list no longer have the need but have not notified us personally. So, the sick list will soon be purged. If you would like your name/loved one's name to remain on the list, please contact Mary in the office.

PLEASE NOTE: With our new phone system, there is only one phone number (594 – 1400). The 594 – 1441 for the Faith Formation office is no longer valid. When you call us, you will hear options to reach your party. Yet, our new extension numbers can also be found on the website in the "staff" section and in the bulletin.

Take a look and take some books!

There are many new free books, dvd's and other items available at the back entrance of church. Please help yourself to as many as you'd like!

Fr. Eloo would like to visit parishioners who are homebound. He can bring him/her Communion, offer the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, or simply visit. Please contact Mary if a family member is interested in a visit. When you contact her, please, also, let her know if you would like Communion or Anointing of the Sick so that Father comes prepared.

Eucharist Ministry News: Back to School ads abound, and many families are preparing for the coming school year buying supplies and new clothes for the season. The Eucharist Ministry supports families with limited resources by supplying items for the coming winter, including hats, scarves, and more. Even if you cannot join us in person, we happily accept work done from home and donations for new yarn and other crafting supplies. If you are free and would like to check out what we do, we will meet at Joanna's house, weather permitting, on Monday, August 22 from 10 to noon. Reach out to Joanna Aguglia (594-9378) or Sheila Beers (764-9189) for more information and the address.

Are you looking for a rewarding experience? We are always looking for volunteers to serve as liturgical ministers. Currently, we particularly need sacristans and hospitality ministers, especially for the 4:30 Mass. Nevertheless, all who are interested are always welcome to join the Liturgical Minister team. If interested, please contact Mary in the parish office for more information.

Are you looking for a deeper understanding and appreciation for Sacramental Eucharist? The Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua (www.notredameretreat.org) offers a Women's Retreat on September 16 - 19 and a Men's Retreat on September 23-25. The theme is 'Eucharist, God's Gift to His People'. Retreats start on Friday at 7pm and conclude on Sunday after mass at noon. If you're interested, contact Peggy (585-319-0835, peggychristinakerr@gmail.com) for Women's retreat and Steve (585-414-4805, sbeiter@ieee.org) for Men's Retreat information and registration.

SAVE THE DATES Join us after both masses September 10 and 11, to formally welcome and celebrate Fr Eloo's arrival to St. Christopher's! Both receptions will be held downstairs in the church hall.

Registration forms for both family faith formation and Confirmation are now available on the parish website and flock notes. Paper copies are also at both entrances of church. Please contact lori.murtaugh@dor.org with any questions.



Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi, meaning rediscovery) is a program for married couples who feel disillusioned, frustrated or angry in their marriage. Some don't want to air dirty laundry at counseling. Some are counseling but going nowhere. Sometimes life-changing events occur (car accident, illness, addictions) and most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouses about it. ***This world-wide Catholic program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage.***

This year we have two Fall programs beginning with a weekend on August 26th or October 21st, please call **585-293-1552** with confidential questions or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.org

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, August 20

4:30 PM– The Parishioners of St. Christopher’s

Sunday, August 21

10:00 AM–Tony Baker by Vivian McManus and Fr. Eloo (for his 29th anniversary) by Cheri

Monday, August 22

NO MASS

Tuesday, August 23

9:00 AM– Victims of Natural Disaster

Wednesday, August 24

9:00 AM– Victims of Abuse

Thursday, August 25

NO COMMUNION SERVICE

Friday, August 26

NO COMMUNION SERVICE

Saturday, August 27

4:30 PM– Julio Rios by Eucharist Ministry Friends

Sunday, August 28

10:00 AM–Bill Yanklowski by Vivian McManus

Prayer Ministry

Please contact the rectory if you would like to be added to the list of people who need prayers. If you or someone you know has been hospitalized and would like to have a pastoral visit, please contact the Church Office at 594-1400 ext.: 100

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

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| Richard Welch | Beulah Reihle |
| Valerie Brescia | Bob Early |
| Dominick Fantauzzo | Roz Fadden |
| Dino Pezzimenti | Robert Eich |
| Jason Powarzynski | Rosie Moynihan |
| Ken Milner | Bea Eiss |
- And for all those in need of our prayers. . .

Please keep the families of those who have lost loved ones in your prayers.

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Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM or by appt.

Baptism: Please contact Mary to begin the Baptismal process. You must be a registered and active member of the parish in order to have your child baptized.

Marriage: Please contact Church Office at least 6 months before wedding.

First Reconciliation, First Communion &

Confirmation: Contact the Faith Formation Office, 594-1400 ext. 204

Anointing of The Sick: Please contact the Church Office at 594-1400 ext. 201



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