

PRESENT NORMS AND GUIDELINES FOR CELEBRATION OF THE MASS

For two weeks now we have begun the process of returning to a pre-pandemic celebration of the Liturgy. We will continue to follow the established guidelines we have been using, which are enumerated below. The remainder will be introduced gradually.

1. Masks: **Fully Vaccinated.** Effective May 15, 2021, fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask in any setting.
Unvaccinated. From ages 5 and older must cover their mouth and nose with a mask when present for any Mass or liturgical celebration.
2. Hand sanitizer: All entering the Church are asked to use hand sanitizer placed at the entrance.
3. Music Ministry: Choir may resume.
4. Lord's Prayer and Sign of Peace: We are to continue the practice of refraining from holding hands during the Lord's Prayer and shaking hands during the Sign of Peace (bow or verbal gesture is appropriate).
5. Distribution of the cup: The distribution of the cup remains suppressed for deacons and the lay faithful until further notice.
6. Dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass: For those members of the faithful who may not feel comfortable to attend liturgical celebrations yet, Bishop Knestout continues to dispense all of the faithful of the Diocese of Richmond from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days until further notice. ***This ends after Mass on June 27th.***
7. Live streaming Masses: We will continue live streaming our Masses for the faithful unable to attend in person. ***This ends after Mass on June 27th.***
8. Ushers: resume their normal procedures/functions as it was pre-Covid-19 except for collections. We will continue to use the baskets placed in the entrance.
9. Bulletins: We will continue to distribute them electronically until further notice.

God's blessings upon you all.

Father Gerry

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Sheet rock



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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Father’s Day”

June 20, 2021 Year B

The 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 20, 2021

“Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?”

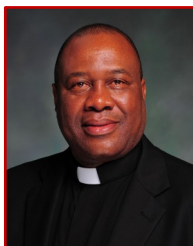
We are all used to storms caused by weather. In fact, in this area, thunderstorms are common, often with heavy rain and high winds. Sometimes hail, sometimes flash flooding, sometimes tornadoes. So, we all know something about storms and how scary they can be. Bad weather is not the only storm we encounter in life. We face all kinds of storms in our lives both physical and spiritual. There is illness, loss of loved ones, and actual storm damage which touches the very foundation of our life/lives. Today in our Scripture readings we are reminded of the role of God in calming these storms of life.

In the first reading, God addresses Job, leading Job deeper and deeper into the mystery of creation. We hear how the Lord speaks to Job (whose life was devastated by storms of the total loss of his possessions, the deaths of his dear ones, and a whole-body disease that left him in misery), that he will stop his proud waves: “and there, shall your proud waves be stilled.” By this, God reminds Job that He is in control.

In today's Gospel, Mark describes how, by a single commanding word, Jesus stilled a storm on the Sea of Galilee, returned the sea to its natural order and saved the apostles from drowning. The incident reminds us that Jesus, resting in our life's boat is always ready to help us in the storms of life, when we ask.

We need to remember that Jesus is always with us in the boat of our life. We all experience different types of violent storms in our lives: physical storms, emotional storms, and spiritual storms. We face storms of sorrow, doubt, anxiety, worry, temptation, and passion. Only Jesus can still these storms. Jesus can give us real peace in the storm of sorrow. When we are totally depressed with sorrow Jesus assures us of the glory of the life to come. Jesus consoles us at the loss of our dear ones with the assurance of eternal life for them in the Heavenly home of God the Father where we, too, will live one day. When the storms of doubt seek to uproot the very foundations of our Faith, Jesus is there to still that storm, revealing to us His Divinity and the authority, inviting us to trust Him. If we will ask, and respond with loving trust and obedience, Jesus will give us peace in our tempests of doubt, tension, and uncertainty, peace in our storms of anxiety and worry about ourselves, peace about the unknown future, peace about those we love and calm in the storms of betrayal, when our hearts are broken, and life seems meaningless.

In the first reading and the Gospel there are storms, and the storms are calmed by the power of the Lord. Jesus tells his disciples that they should have faith, that they are not alone. When the storms arise, Jesus will be there to help them. He calmed the waves and quieted the wind. Things do not always go the way we would like them to, but Jesus is there with us, through the good and the bad, calming the winds and helping us through.



Very Reverend Gerald Kaggwa, V.F.

TODAY'S MASS

First Reading:

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

Second Reading:

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Gospel: *Mark 4:26-34*

Father suggests that you say the Prayer for Spiritual Communion during communion time. →

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that you are truly
Present in the Most
Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things
And I desire to possess
You within my soul.
Since I am unable at this
Moment to receive You
Sacramentally,
Come at least spiritually
Into my heart.
I embrace You as being
Already there, and unite
Myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be
Separated from you.
Amen.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



Richard Zimmerman, Mary Heeke & John O'Connor

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If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List please contact the office by email or phone.

MAIL IN OFFERTORY, AND ON LINE DONATIONS: June 13, 2021

Collection: \$ 2,880
Second Collection:
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 109,719
Total Budget Projection: \$ 101,930



There is no second collection today.

We signed the following principal checks this week:
\$270 May Electricity; \$1,370 Diocesan Assessments.

MUSIC

Entrance: Amazing Grace #433
Responsorial: page 181
Offertory: Be Still and Know That I Am God #465
Communion: All Is Well With My Soul #466
Meditation: Be Not Afraid #432
Recessional: God of Our Fathers #736

TODAY'S ASSIGNMENTS

Community Leader:
John McCormack
Altar Server: Steve Forte
Lectors: Mary Ellen Sherwood &
Louise Petralia
Cantor: Jan Smith

BIRTHDAY'S FOR JUNE



1st-Fritz Sitterding, 7th-Michele Puttmann, 13th-Charles Hartz,
14th-Marge Dembeck & Johnna Harris, 16th-Tom Foley, 17th-Arleen Warren,
21st-Marla Bury, 24th-Gerrie Lohr, 25th-Barbara Zimmerman,
27th-Sharon Hawksworth, 28th-Baylen Miller & Diana Beckett.

ANNIVERSARY'S FOR JUNE

1st-Fritz & Suzanne Sitterding, 13th-Gary & Lynne Richardson,
21st-Dave & Emily Filippi & Scott & Kathy Kauffman, 25th-Ray & Jean
Kostesky, 27th-Don & Sandi Delagrang, 28th-Bob & Barbara Smith.



THANKS

Bob Borden delivered our trove of aluminum cans to Middlesex Metals recently and disposed of \$71 worth of cans. Our thanks to Bob and his industrious commitment to this task. During construction, our drop-off point for the cans moved to the right side of the storage shed leading to the cemetery. Please continue to save your aluminum cans and leave them with us for future sale.



ORDINARY TIME

We have now re-entered the period of the Liturgical year entitled Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time refers to all of those parts of the Catholic Church's liturgical year that aren't included in the major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. Ordinary Time thus encompasses two different periods in the Church's calendar, since the Christmas season immediately follows Advent, and the Easter season immediately follows Lent.

Because of the term ordinary in English most often means something that's not special or distinctive, many people think that Ordinary Time refers to parts of the calendar of the Catholic Church that are unimportant. Even though the season of Ordinary Time makes up most of the liturgical year in the Catholic Church, the fact that Ordinary Time refers to those periods that fall outside of the major liturgical seasons reinforces this impression. Yet Ordinary Time is far from unimportant or uninteresting.

The normal liturgical color for Ordinary Time for those days when there is no special feast is green. Green vestments and altar cloths have traditionally been associated with the time after Pentecost, the period in which the Church founded by the risen Christ and enlivened by the Holy Spirit began to grow and to spread the Gospel to all nations.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS



Remaining Memorials for now:
Pews and Choir Chairs \$250

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you, and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11

Address change:

Chris Henkel & Mary Ann Larssen
4607 Steamboat Ave
Lakeland, FL 33805



A hearty welcome to our new parishioners

Dennis & Patricia Caraviello
554 Shore Dr
Hartfield, VA 23071



Lifting of General Dispensation from the Obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings. Following the lifting of almost all measures put in place to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, all churches are now allowed to have full capacity liturgical gatherings as it was pre-pandemic. Therefore, the Bishop, beginning the week-end of June 26th has rescinded the DISPENSATION OF THE SUNDAY AND HOLY DAY MASS OBLIGATION.

Our Bishop writes: "As Catholics, we have a significant appreciation for the importance of the physical presence of the community. From earliest days, the Church gathered and devoted themselves to the teaching of the Apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread' (Acts 2: 42) As the body of Christ, the Church, we encounter the living God most fully in the Sacraments which appeal to our whole being, through outward signs. Therefore, it is important that we continue to encourage the physical presence of the Catholic faithful at Mass and at other sacraments".

This obligation does not apply to those who are ill; those who have reason to believe that they were recently exposed to the coronavirus, another serious or contagious illness; those who are confined to their home, a hospital, or nursing facility; or those with serious underlying health conditions. One should consult me, your pastor, if questions arise about the obligation to attend Mass.

The Lifting of dispensation from Sunday and Holy day Mass obligation is a hope filled sign that we can gradually return to a normal and full experience of Mass celebration. In view of this, and in order to encourage your physical presence at Mass, we will not be livestreaming our liturgical celebrations (Sunday and Daily Mass) beginning on Sunday, June 27th.

As we transition to our normal way of worship, in a special way, I am thankful for the hard work and sacrifices of each one of you during the past almost year and half of the Pandemic. I am most grateful to those who volunteered to take up tasks making sure that we are all safe and that Mass can reach each one of you in your homes: the Ushers, the IT Team for Livestreaming, Sacristans, Lectors, Community Leaders, our Administrative Staff, and all those who took part in planning and actively participated in our liturgical celebrations. Thanks to the Pastoral Care team for the great work of calling parishioners to determine how each one was handling the Pandemic, this kept our parish family together despite the hard times we were experiencing.

*On another note, I need to express my heartfelt Thanks and Love to those of you who continually supported the church financially during these trying times.
May the Lord reward each one of you with His abundant blessings.*

Fr. Gerry



FATHER'S DAY

God our Father;
Through the
Intercession of St. Joseph,
the foster father of Your Son,
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
We give you thanks and praise
for all fathers in the world.



We pray for them so that they may find courage
and perseverance to balance work, family and faith
in joy and sacrifice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers,
and great grand fathers who are no longer with us
but who live forever in our memory
and nourish us with their love.

Amen

Happy Fathers Day to all Dads, Granddads,
Step Dads, Foster Dads, Single Moms,
and those who have lost their Dads.

Dad a priceless treasure that lives forever.



WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY?

Scriptures tell us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8). Every day Disciples are praying to discern God's will for their lives. What does the Lord require of us?



Potential, Purpose, Promise

One idea to consider is to create a legacy with your family finances that will continue ministry documents that provide for additions at the time of death.

What ministries do you love? You decide what ministries will receive an annual distribution from your permanent fund each year in perpetuity.