

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 today.***
7. Live streaming Masses: We will continue live streaming our Masses for the faithful unable to attend in person. ***This ends after Mass today.***
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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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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As we journey through life there are ups and downs. When we are knocked down, we need someone to pick us up. The readings of this Sunday especially the Gospel, remind us that God wishes to heal us and pick us up whenever we are overburdened by the trials of this life. He Created us to enjoy the life he gave us; God does not rejoice in destruction or suffering. Our God is a god of life, not death. He created us to be imperishable. That is why he sent his beloved Son, Jesus, to come and make us whole and lead us to everlasting life.

Jesus wants to lift us up from imperfection, brokenness, temptation, and sin, not only in the next life but right now. Jesus wants us to have the fullness of his life now, and this is precisely what we see happening in the Gospel today. Jairus' daughter died and Jesus raised her to life again. The woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years was cured when she touched Jesus' cloak. In these miracles Jesus is teaching us. He wants us to enjoy his life now, not to wait until eternal life but to enjoy his life now.

Jesus said to the woman healed of hemorrhage, "your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be cured of your affliction." But why did Jesus embarrass her in public, asking who touched him, making her afraid? He wanted it known publicly that she was healed. She was considered unclean in Jewish thinking because she was hemorrhaging. When someone was unclean it meant he or she could not worship with the community. The woman could not go to the temple for twelve years. Anything she touched would also be considered unclean and would also have to be cleansed. So, when the woman was healed by touching Jesus' cloak, not only was she physically healed, but she was healed in every way. She was healed socially, psychologically, and spiritually. By revealing in public what happened to her Jesus is making it publicly known that she has been healed. Now everyone knows she can worship with them again; she can socialize with them again. Jesus has completely changed her life; he gave her a new life again.

In the house of Jairus Jesus said the child was not dead but asleep. Jesus said to her, "Little girl, I tell you, arise." Jesus says to each of us, do not go through life asleep, arise, be active.

We see something in common in both miracles; someone went to Jesus in faith, the little girl's father, and the hemorrhaging woman. When there are problems, go to Jesus with faith. Do not stay where you are, get up and go to Jesus. Like Jairus and like the ill woman, go to Jesus.

How can we go to Jesus? We can go to Jesus by praying to him. Spend time every day in prayer with Jesus. Read the Bible. You can also go to Jesus by receiving the sacraments. When you receive the Eucharist, you meet Jesus.

Jesus continues to heal, taking those who are ill by the hand and saying, "Talitha kum", "...I tell you to get up." (Mark 5:41) Let us have faith in the healing power of Jesus and allow Jesus to take us by the hand when we need, and help us up. Let us have faith in the power of Jesus to reverse bad situations. No matter what way you are knocked down, Jesus is there to pick you up.



Very Reverend Gerald Kaggwa, V.F.

TODAY'S MASS

First Reading:

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

Responsorial Psalm:

*I will praise you, Lord, for you
have rescued me.*

Second Reading:

2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

*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



Kenneth Anderson, Eugene Sidoli,

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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 20, 2021

Collection: \$ 1,665
Second Collection:
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 111,384
Total Budget Projection: \$ 104,191



Our second collection today is for the Holy Father.
We signed the following principal checks this week:
\$114 Parish Life Expense; \$539 Rectory and Pastor expense for May.

BIRTHDAY'S FOR JULY



2nd, Kathy Kauffman, 4th-Lisa Forte & Eileen Wagner, 5th-Leisa DeCollibus,
6th-Colinm Walsh, 9th-John Charbeneau, 11th-Brendan O'Brien, 13th-Tessa Stowell,
15th-John Weidner & Serena Beckett, 16th-Jim Brown, 17th-Sal Messina,
20th-Bettie Hodge & Andrew Bury, 21st-Kathy Swinehart, 24th-Laurie Mears,
27th-Ingrid Borden & Jo Brown, 29th-Christine Tutak, 30th-Bill Harris

ANNIVERSARY'S FOR JULY

7th-Bill & Georgia Campbell, 16th-Tom & Bea Foley



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 the cemetery. Please continue to save your aluminum cans and leave them with us for future sale.



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

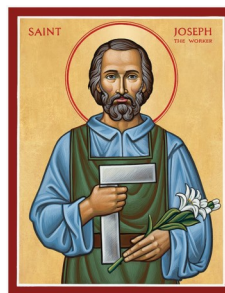
Dennis & Patricia Caraviello
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MUSIC

Entrance: Sing, O Sing #553
Responsorial: page 183
Offertory: The God Of All Grace #301
Communion: We Walk By Faith #492
Meditation: Prayer of St. Francis #527
Recessional: For the Healing of the Nations #732

TODAY'S ASSIGNMENTS

Community Leader: Kathy Kauffman
Altar Server: Steve Forte
Lectors: John Weidner &
Ray Kstesky
Cantor: Cindy Powers
Eucharist Minister: Debby Harriman



YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

As a reminder, in his Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*, Pope Francis proclaimed this year as Joseph. The year serves as an opportunity to increase knowledge and understanding of St. Joseph, and also, "to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal (*Patris Corde*).

On March 19 nearly eight years ago, the church celebrated Pope Francis' papal inauguration. It was the solemnity of St. Joseph, and in a homily reflecting on Joseph as "protector," the pope foreshadowed many of the works and teachings that now mark his ministry. At the heart of it, Pope Francis highlighted what it means to follow Joseph. The pope encouraged, "In him, dear friends, we learn how to respond to God's call, readily and willingly, but we also see the core of the Christian vocation, which is Christ! Let us protect Christ in our lives, so that we can protect other, so that we can protect creation!"

In some ways, then, the announcement of a Year of St. Joseph is less surprising. From the beginning of his papacy, Pope Francis has invited us to foster our love of Joseph, ask for his intercession and follow his example. This year, the church provides many ways to respond to that invitation.

The Year of St. Joseph drew our attention in a special way to the feast of the Holy Family. This day, we recall that God, out of love, has given us the shining example of the Holy Family. We pray through Christ that, following their example and aided by the intercession of Mary and Joseph, our own families may be held in God's grace and peace. We are nourished at this feast by ruminating on the Scriptures. This year, Luke 2:22-40 will be proclaimed at Mass. Here, Simeon holds Our Lord in his arms, and he offers the praise that we, holding Christ in our hearts, can make our own at the end of each day in Night Prayer: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace..."

**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

BODDIE MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Avoiding the bad weather with the help of Father Gerry's blessings, 80 golfers enjoyed a lively, competitive Memorial Golf Tournament.

We have thanked the golfers, donors, and sponsors for their contributions previously and we encourage parishioners to do so likewise. The silent auction will come later with an anticipation of several lovely offerings. All of our profits from the tournament and silent auction will be split evenly between community outreach and our new worship area. To date, that figure is approximately \$6,400 for these causes.



WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY?

Consider God's call on your life as you plan to distribute your estate.

Creating an estate plan is good stewardship.

Does your Last Will & Testament reflect YOUR faith?

We owe our children and grandchildren the example of lives lived with integrity and willingness to learn and grow and remain faithful to the Christian values we proclaim. What better example could we offer than including our church in our estate plans?

Someone told me once they had never seen a hearse with a hitch trailer behind it. Guess if we can't take it with us, we might as well decide how and where it is left behind. Remember your church's mission in your estate planning.



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TODAY'S FLOWER DONATION

Flowers on the Altar today are in memory of

Kenneth G. Anderson

on his 10 year anniversary in heaven.

Lisa and Steve Forte