



The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

Jn 6:63

MASS INTENTIONS

There are Mass intentions available for August and September. 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 of the Church. Mass intentions are published so the entire community may come together and pray at the Lord's table during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Since this is a public announcement "special intentions" or "private intention" are not appropriate to be published here but you should bring those to each Mass on your own.

- Saturday, August 21: Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time
5:00pm John Clayton Cotton
- Sunday, August 22: Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time
8:00am Betty and Spooner Families
10:30am Rayfield Drowne, Jr.
7:00pm For the People of the Parish
- Monday, August 23: St. Rose of Lima
9:00am Barbara Lachapelle
- Tuesday, August 24: St. Bartholomew, Apostle
9:00am Margaret Johnson
- Wednesday, August 25: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
9:00am Esther Mastroiano
- Thursday, August 26
9:00am Liturgy of the Word w/ Holy Communion
- Friday, August 27: Saint Monica
9:00am Intentions of our Youth and Young Adults
Joyce Morris Smith
- Saturday, August 28: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00pm Clementino Oliveira
- Sunday, August: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 29
8:00am Sue Zenisek
10:30am Jamie DeFreitas
7:00pm Frank P "Mickey" Mello

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

- Tuesday, August 24
6:30-7:30am Men's Prayer Group
9:30-10:30am Bible Study/Talk
6:30-7:30pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
- Friday, August 27
5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet,
7:50pm Benediction



LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)

In today's first reading we hear a familiar sentence spoken firmly by Joshua: "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Some people frame and hang this quote in their homes, also making this powerful statement their own pivotal stance, as Joshua did. In this reading Joshua pointedly asked the elders and tribes to decide whom they will serve.

Then in our Gospel we see that many people who had been following Jesus were slowly starting to go back to their former way of life and no longer choosing to accompany Him. Jesus was teaching and talking about things beyond human comprehension: the mystery of faith, scaring them because it was different. Jesus asked the Twelve, as Joshua had asked the elders, leaders, judges and officers: "Do you want to leave me too?" Peter answered, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

Joshua and Peter both demonstrate for us what a firm faith commitment looks like! If you or I were one of the Twelve gathered near Jesus and Peter, and Jesus asked you or me the pointed question "Do you want to leave me too?" What would you respond? Would you be loyal to Jesus or be ready to jump ship? Would you just remain wishy-washy, hovering somewhere in-between, preferring to straddle the line?

Surely there are things about our faith that people find difficulties in accepting, but are these difficulties things that weaken our faith in Jesus? Faith in Jesus is a decision, not one that we can minimize or maximize whenever we "feel" like it. Even though we have faith in Jesus, doubt can creep into our lives – sometimes doubt about faith, sometimes anger at the church or someone in it.

When doubt begins to show itself, imagine Jesus asking you that same question "Do you want to leave me too?" For me, this question creates a picture of Jesus' humanity; the sadness and hurt that He carried when those closest to Him would reject and leave Him. Faith in Jesus is a decision, one that we need to re-commit to every day of our lives. May we, like Peter, believe and *decide* again and again each day state that "We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

Colette Savaria, LIFE Coordinator



Bible Study continues each Tuesday at 9:30am in the Parish Center where we will look at the scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday Mass. All are welcome. For questions or inquiries, contact jjparillo@yahoo.com.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
Wednesday:	1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt:24:42-51
Friday:	1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30
Sunday:	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/ Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

CHURCH SUPPORT

August 14/15, 2021

Weekly Collection	\$4674.00
Assumption of Mary	\$1174.00
Electronic Giving	\$1044.00

Thank you for your prayerful generosity!!

ON LINE GIVING – fast, secure, convenient. Have you considered electronic, on-line, giving? It's a convenient way to make you offerings to your parish according to your own schedule: weekly, monthly, etc. You control all the information and only you have access to your personal data, banking or credit card information - the parish does not. All the parish receives is a report of your generosity. Now that we are traveling once again, on-line giving ensures your parish receives your generosity even if you can't make it here on Sundays. Visit our website and click on the "Parish-Giving" logo, our e-giving partner. StLucy.org

This is the last week to help the Community Action Committee with donations for Child & Family Services drive for *Back to School Supplies* for Middle and High school students. Please place items in the bin(s) marked school supplies for Child & Family in the Church Narthex. Thank you!!

LITURGY SURVEYS: Liturgy Surveys, soliciting your observations and constructive input surrounding our celebration of the Eucharist, have been distributed. Thank you for our reply. Most surveys are pleased with a response rate of 10%. So far, your participation has been double that! As we start to compile the information, your questions and comments will be addressed.

WHEN ENTERING THE CHURCH, we're reminded we are on Holy Ground. It is proper and expected that we make signs of reverence to the Altar and the Tabernacle. This may be done as soon as we enter or as we take our seat. We genuflect to the Tabernacle, Christ's true presence in the Blessed Sacrament, and we make a profound bow to the Altar of Sacrifice. We pray with our whole being.

OUR PARISH WEBSITE was recently updated. Please check it out for extended news and information, to find nearby Mass schedules and more, or to stream our weekend Masses (and soon, special liturgies like weddings and funerals.) StLucy.org

Monsignor Clarke School is hiring part-time teaching positions in Art, Music, and Computer Technology. Forward resume and references to Mary Ricci at mricci@monsignorclarkeschool.org.

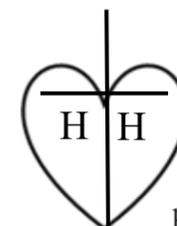
QUEENSHIP OF MARY – AUGUST 22: Although not celebrated in the universal calendar this year because the feast day falls on a Sunday, on the 8th day (octave) following Mary's Assumption into heaven (August 15), we celebrate Mary's role of Queen of Heaven and Earth. Instituted by Pope Pius XII in 1954, the feast day celebrates what the early church already proclaimed – Mary's unique role, alongside her Son, interceding for the good of all. "Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth, pray for us!"



The St. Vincent de Paul Conference will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 24 at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. All are welcome to attend and learn more about our mission. This summer SVDP has seen an increase in the number of our neighbors in need. Our conference relies on the generosity of donors and talents of its members to continue its vital work. You can support SVdP with your cash or check donation in the collection box in the Church Narthex, or by becoming a benefactor with a tax-deductible donation given directly to the Conference. To learn more about giving and membership opportunities, contact us at stlucysvdp@gmail.com.

May our presence and care to those in most need reflect the gentleness, esteem and dignity we see reflected in the life and work of Jesus. St. Vincent de Paul

MOMS AND DADS: Pastors to your home church, thank you for accepting this responsibility with all its opportunities and challenges. When you asked to have your children baptized, you made the promise of raising them in The Faith and your parish church promised to assist you. In this post-pandemic world, perhaps like no other time in a generation, is this role most needed. Thank you!



Helping Hearts

We lift our prayers for those Parishioners and friends who have passed away during the month of July and for all those who mourn the passing of their loved ones. May God continue to offer strength, courage, and peace. Parishioners and friends of St. Lucy's Faith Community who have gone on to live in Eternal Life include: Ernest Gallagher, Rita McMahon, Gloria Mello, and Rita Sullivan.