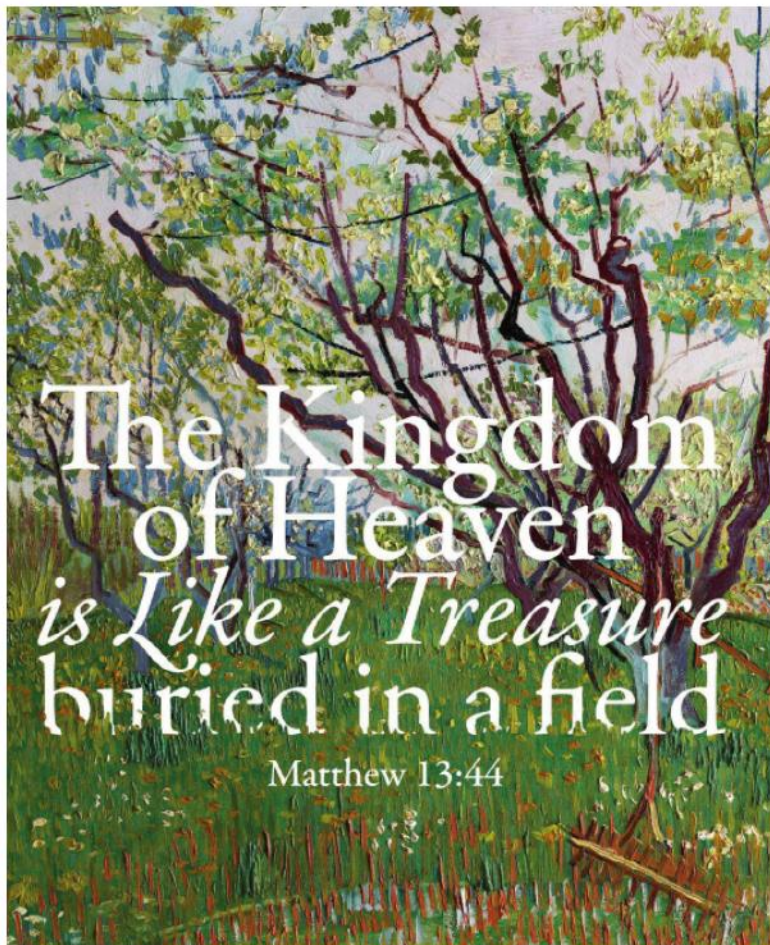




SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

July 30, 2023

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



17th Sunday Ordinary Time

If you could ask God for anything, what would it be? Would you ask for wealth or popularity or even peace? This weekend's readings ask us to look at life *a different way*.

In the first reading, we see that God grants a desire in Solomon's heart, because it is a selfless request: a prayer for wisdom to serve. In the second reading, St. Paul says that everything - the good and the bad - is an opportunity for God to bless us in a brilliant way we might not have imagined. And finally, in the Gospel, Jesus tells the story of a man who gives us everything else to acquire the best treasure of all.



YOUR HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT:

What are you asking God to provide you? Why? This week, give a long hard look at what God is asking YOU to do and be. How can you pray for the BEST treasure?

Welcome to Saint Luke!

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OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Friday | 9:30am-3:30pm

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MASS SCHEDULE

JUNE + JULY + AUGUST

DAILY
MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI
8:45 am only

FIRST SAT (only)
8:45 am

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HOLY DAY MASS TIMES 8/15

WEEKEND

SAT 5 pm
SUN 7:30 am | 9 am | 11 am | 4 pm

RECONCILIATION

SAT 3 pm - 4:30 pm

WED 5 pm - 6:30 pm
or by appointment
No Confessions on September 6.
See page 7

welcome!

If you're new to Saint Luke, we want you to feel right at home. REGISTER to join our parish so we can know how to serve you better. JUST TEXT "WELCOME" to 1-844-534-2245

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Your Clergy



WELCOME HOME

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SAINT LUKE IS A PARISH ON FIRE!

Last year, our parish embarked on an amazing adventure called FIRE - Family Involved Religious Education - that allows every member of the parish family to grow in faith - from the very young to the very young at heart. FIRE is held once a month on Sundays from 5:00 to 7:00 pm - and always includes dinner!

www.saintlukeslidell.org/FIRE

Beginning

Jun. 2021

Gathering list of all necessary capital expenditures.

Decision to renovate by pastoral/finance council

Request capital campaign account be opened + approved

Feb. 2023

Interviewed then hired architects + consultants

Gathered steering committee + discussed options

Input/Listening Sessions

Q & A document

Surveys begin

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Aug. 2023

Interviews with top FY2022 donors
Completed Feasibility Report shared with parish

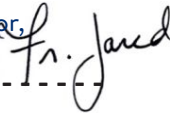
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FROM YOUR PASTOR 2

Hey, St. Luke family,

As you know, our awesome seminarian, Seth Smith, has been doing some letters to our community in this spot so that we can learn a little about what it means to go through the formation process to become a priest. Here's the fourth installment of a this series about the importance of learning philosophy as we prepare to become priests - and as lay people become great leaders in their lives and families, too! I hope you'll take the time to read and follow along. Seth's articles will continue on page 6 on the Faith Formation page.

To Jesus through Mary, in union with St. Joseph, Your pastor,



PHILOSOPHY FOR BEGINNERS - PART 4

Introduction

Well, we've finally made it to the fourth part of the series. I would say I am sad that the series has come to an end, but you guys have loved it so much that I've decided to make a part 5! I am excited for this part because it is about two of my favorite subjects in philosophy. The first subject is called ethics, and the second subject is called political philosophy. As usual, I will be using my lecture notes from Dr. James Jacobs, and I am also using his book Seat of Wisdom: An Introduction to Philosophy in the Catholic Tradition. Both of these topics are really interesting, so let's get started!

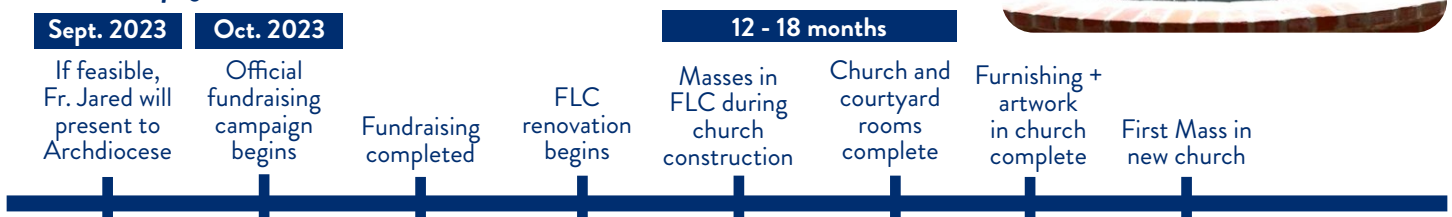
Ethics

Ethics is definitely one of my favorite topics to talk about in philosophy. Before we talk about what ethics actually is, it is important to explain the term good in a philosophical context. Aristotle defines the good as "that which all desire." All human acts are motivated by a desire to possess some good. For example, I work hard on my studies because I desire to grow in wisdom and knowledge. The good is essentially the standard or meaning for acting. Given this, the subject of ethics is ultimately the search for a universal definition of the good as a standard for human acts or actions.

Ethics is defined as the formal study of codes of behavior. Ethics is not to be confused with morality. Morality is a personal code of behavior, but ethics is the study of those codes of behavior. We need ethics because everyone's code of morality is different. For example, some people view euthanasia as intrinsically evil, while others view it as a human right. This is a problem because the same thing cannot be both good and bad at the same time. If everyone just used their own morality to evaluate human actions, then society would be chaos because everyone has a different morality. We need ethics because morality alone does not work. Ethics analyzes all of the codes of conduct, but its goal is to find the best one.

There are two fundamental reasons why human beings do things. The first is simply "I wanted to," and the second is "I thought I should." This implies that human nature has both appetites (desires, feelings, sentiments) and reason. Some philosophers argue that human acts are based only on desire or appetite for pleasure or to attain happiness. Other philosophers argue that human acts are based only

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BAPTISM

If you or your child is not yet initiated into the Church, please permit us the honor of welcoming you into the family of Christ here at Saint Luke!
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FIRST RECONCILIATION FIRST COMMUNION CONFIRMATION

Find out more about sacramental preparation which begins every September on our website
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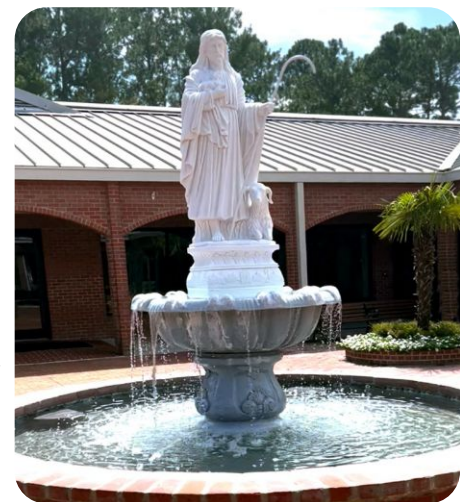
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3 LITURGY READINGS + MUSIC

MUSIC

ENTRANCE: THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY #644

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice
Which is more than liberty.
There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrows of the Head.

2. For the love of God is broader
Than the measures of the mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
We should rest upon God's Word,
And our lives reflect thanksgiving
For the goodness of our Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, I love your commands.

OFFERTORY: YOUR WORDS ARE SPIRIT AND LIFE

Refrain:

Your words are spirit and life, O Lord:
richer than gold, stronger than death.
Your words are spirit and life, O Lord;
life everlasting

1. God's law is perfect, refreshing the soul,
reviving the weary spirit.
God's rule can be trusted: bringing us wisdom,
bringing God's wisdom to birth.

Refrain

2. God's precepts keep us; their purpose is
right. They gladden the hearts of people.
God's command is so clear it brings us new
vision; bringing God's light to our eyes.

Refrain

3. Living by God's truth is holy and sure;
God's presence is everlasting.
God's truth is eternal, bringing us justice;
bringing God's justice to earth.

Refrain

4. God's word is precious, desired more than
gold; worth more than we dare imagine and,
sweeter than honey, this word will feed us,
bringing fulfilment and joy.

Refrain

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READING 1: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12

The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night.
God said, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you."
Solomon answered:
"O LORD, my God, you have made me, your servant, king
to succeed my father David;
but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act.
I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen,
a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted.
Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart
to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong.
For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?"

The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request.
So God said to him:
"Because you have asked for this—
not for a long life for yourself,
nor for riches,
nor for the life of your enemies,
but for understanding so that you may know what is right—
I do as you requested.
I give you a heart so wise and understanding
that there has never been anyone like you up to now,
and after you there will come no one to equal you."

READING 2: Rom 8:28-30

Brothers and sisters:
We know that all things work for good for those who love God,
who are called according to his purpose.
For those he foreknew he also predestined
to be conformed to the image of his Son,
so that he might be the firstborn
among many brothers and sisters.
And those he predestined he also called;
and those he called he also justified;
and those he justified he also glorified.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE INTENTIONS:

POPE FRANCIS: For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

FATHER JARED: For FIRE and BLAZE Families and Volunteers

We pray that the families and volunteers who participate in our FIRE and BLAZE nights may discover a deeper reason to believe and grow in the Faith and energy to pursue holiness in everything they do.

LITURGY READINGS + MUSIC 4

GOSPEL: Mt 13:44-52

[Jesus said to his disciples:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field,
which a person finds and hides again,
and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.
Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant
searching for fine pearls.

When he finds a pearl of great price,
he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.]"

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea,
which collects fish of every kind.

When it is full they haul it ashore
and sit down to put what is good into buckets.

What is bad they throw away.

Thus it will be at the end of the age.

The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous
and throw them into the fiery furnace,
where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

"Do you understand all these things?"

They answered, "Yes."

And he replied,

"Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven
is like the head of a household
who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."

MUSIC

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.*

COMMUNION: SEEK YE FIRST #658

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto
you. Allelu, Alleluia.

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Allelu, alleluia.

2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
Seek, and you shall find.
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia.

Refrain

3. You do not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That comes forth from the mouth of
God.
Allelu, Alleluia.

Refrain

4. Where two or three are gathered in
my name,
there am I in their midst;
And what-so-ever you ask I will do;
Allelu, Alleluia.

Refrain

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5 DAILY LITURGY + INTENTIONS

MUSIC

SENDING FORTH: BE THOU MY VISION

1. Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou
art: Thou my best thought, by day or by
night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence
my light.

2. Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou
my true word; I ever with Thee and
Thou with me, Lord: Thou my great
Father, and I Thy true son, Thou in me
dwelling, and I with Thee one.

MONDAY

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34, Ps 106:19-20, 21-22,
23, R. v.1a, Mt 13:31-35

Entrance Antiphon:

At the name of Jesus, every knee should bend
of those in heaven and on earth and under the
earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus
Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good

Communion Antiphon:

Thus says the Lord: I have come to cast fire
on the earth, and how I wish that it were
kindled!

TUESDAY

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28, Ps 103:6-7, 8-9,
10-11, 12-13, R. v.8a, Mt 13:36-43

Entrance Antiphon:

I will look after my sheep, says the Lord, and
I will appoint a shepherd to pasture them, and
I, the Lord, will be their God.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

Communion Antiphon:

It was not you who chose me, says the Lord,
but I who chose you and appointed you to
go and bear fruit, fruit that will last (E.T.
alleluia).

WEDNESDAY

Ex 34:29-35, Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9, R. see v.9c,
Mt 13:44-46

Entrance Antiphon:

God is in his holy place, God who unites those
who dwell in his house; he himself gives might
and strength to his people.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) Holy is the Lord our God.

Communion Antiphon:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget
all his benefits.

PLEASE NOTE:

Father Jared and Father Suvakin will
begin Wednesday 6 AM Masses on
September 6, 2023!

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

AUGUST 13, 2023: Catholic Relief Services

THURSDAY

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38, Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and
8a, 11, R. v.2, Mt 13:47-53

Entrance Antiphon:

God is in his holy place, God who unites
those who dwell in his house; he himself
gives might and strength to his people.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) How lovely is your dwelling place, O
Lord, mighty God!

Communion Antiphon:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget
all his benefits.

FRIDAY

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37, Ps 81:3-4,
5-6, 10-11ab, R. v.2a, Mt 13:54-58

Entrance Antiphon:

Your priests, O Lord, shall be clothed with
justice; your holy ones shall ring out their
joy.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) Sing with joy to God our help.

Communion Antiphon:

Blessed is the servant whom the Lord finds
watching when he comes. Amen, I say to
you: He will put that servant in charge of all
his property (E.T. alleluia).

FIRST SATURDAY

Lv 25:1, 8-17, Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8, R. v.4, Mt
14:1-12

Entrance Antiphon:

God is in his holy place, God who unites
those who dwell in his house; he himself
gives might and strength to his people.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

Communion Antiphon:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget
all his benefits.

*The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

August 15, 2023

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
is a Holy Day of Obligation this year. We
look forward to seeing you at Mass on

Monday, August 14, 2023 at 6 pm (vigil)

Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at

6 am | 8:45 am | 7 pm

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 29, 2023

5:00 pm Ann Menesses (INT);
Dcn Ron LeBlanc; Patrick Flanagan;
Michael Watkins; John Jacob; Lucille
Roberts; Ruby DiMarco; Charlie
Johnson; Arlene Roma (INT) Joseph
Charles Griffin; Diane Burns Fr.
Peter Pham (INT); Toni Bruno (INT)

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023

7:30 am Marie Gardner

9:00 am Dcn Ron LeBlanc;
Delaine Bourdeu; V.W. Bagert;
Theresa Nhan Le; Maria Tin Nguyen;
Patricia Armand; Nho Quang Le;
Ronald Canatella; Charlie Johnson;
Clara Mae Landry; Medina Family
(INT); Zachary Martin (INT);
Amy Wood (INT); Sandra O'Neil;
Fr. Sergio Figueredo, SJ; Michael
Pergola; Sally Piske; Ora Hattier
Guerrera; Laura Bell (INT)

11:00 am SLE Parishioners (INT)

4:00 pm Charlie Johnson

MONDAY, JULY 31, 2023

8:45 am Charlie Johnson

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2023

8:45 am Verna R. Guesnon

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2023

8:45 am The Nguyen Children
(INT)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 2023

8:45 am Charlie Johnson

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 2023

8:45 am Fred Zoller Sr.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2023 – FIRST SATURDAY

8:45 am Peggy Beckwith

THE ALTAR FLOWERS ARE PLACED THIS WEEKEND FOR

Frances Veith (INT)

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT IS BURNING THIS WEEK FOR

Dcn Ron LeBlanc

The Adoration Chapel Light is burning for

Harold Veith

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on reason, specifically their moral duty to the law. Both of these approaches are inadequate because it divides what people want (happiness) from what they ought to do (fulfill the moral law). The truth is that human acts arise out of both appetites and reason, so the best definition of the good must be that which allows you to attain happiness through fulfilling the moral law. This is the logic that is at the heart of St. Thomas Aquinas's theory of natural law.

St. Thomas's natural law theory is very complex, but I will try to explain it very simply and briefly. The eternal law is the order of creation as determined by God, or the application of providence in creation. This is important because St. Thomas defines the natural law as a rational creature's participation in the eternal law. The natural law is specific to humans because we are the only creatures who have reason. Humans can participate in the eternal law through the natural law because we have reason. There are three different "levels of precepts" in the natural law. The first are the primary precepts which are self-evident to all or in itself, the secondary precepts are the immediate conclusions from the primary precepts, and the tertiary precepts are the concrete applications of the secondary precepts. St. Thomas says that the most basic principle which is the basis for how things ought to be done is, "do good and avoid evil." This is his definition of the good. He says this principle is evident to all people for how things should be done. Something can also be self-evident in itself, but not to all. He says this in regards to man's good. Once you know that man is a rational animal, then it is self-evident what his goods must be. As a being, man is perfected by the preservation of his own existence (survival). As an animal, man is perfected by reproduction and raising offspring (duty to uphold the family). As rational, man is perfected by seeking the ultimate truth (God) and living in society. Hence, man's end is to grow in wisdom and love by knowing God and loving others. The immediate conclusions of this can be found in the Ten Commandments. The Ten Commandments provide HOW to know and love God and HOW to live in society. The first three commandments provide how to know and love God, and the last seven commandments provide how to love others while living in society. These precepts are the general rules, but they have to be applied in certain circumstances. There are different situations that occur which require the rule to be applied. This can be difficult, so it requires the virtue of prudence. Prudence allows you to best judge a circumstance and determine how the natural law should be applied. Overall, reason allows us to know these precepts of the natural law so that we can obtain happiness through fulfilling the moral law.

Political Philosophy

Why do we need to cover political philosophy? We need to do political philosophy because as Aristotle says, "man is by nature a political animal." As I have said before, man has a human nature which has an end or "final cause." Things exist for a purpose. For example, the final cause of an apple tree is to grow apples. Man also exists for a purpose, and he has an end. Man's end or final cause is ultimately happiness. According to Aristotle, happiness is the rational activity of the

soul in accord with virtue. Man's function is to be rational in the most excellent way (through virtue). Happiness also has two forms of criteria for Aristotle. It is an end in itself, which means that everything else is a means to obtaining it, and it is self-sufficient, which means that nothing can be added to it. In order for us to attain happiness, it is necessary for us to live in society. We cannot grow in wisdom and love by ourselves; we need other people to help us grow and to attain happiness. It is also important to note that a person exists for something beyond themselves. Politics exists for the sake of the common good of all people and to direct us all toward our end. Man's ultimate end is the Beatific Vision (union with God), so politics should always be something that is an aid to helping us attain that.

In order to better understand why we need political philosophy, we need to talk some more about Aristotle. Aristotle came up with something called the four causes. The four causes are called material cause, formal cause, efficient cause, and final cause. In order to explain what the four causes mean, I will use the example of a statue. Material cause is what something is made of, so this would be the wood of the statue. Formal cause is what something is, so the formal cause would be that it is a statue. Efficient cause is where something came from. The efficient cause of the statue then would be the carpenter who made the statue. Finally, the final cause is the purpose for which something is or acts. The final cause of the statue is that it is beautiful. The four causes are very important to understanding Aristotle's philosophy. They are also very important to political philosophy because these four causes apply to politics as well.

St. Thomas Aquinas' definition of law is very influenced by Aristotle and his four causes. St. Thomas Aquinas defines law as an ordinance of reason promulgated by the proper authority for the common good. Let's try to break down this definition into the four causes.

The final cause of the polis (the ideal city or state) is the common good. There is a twofold meaning of the word good here. There is a temporal good of society which refers to man as an individual who lives in society in order to meet his basic needs. There is also an eternal good that refers to man as a person who lives in society because of his dignity and the need to share wisdom and love with others in order to attain his end which is union with God in the Beatific Vision.

The formal cause of the polis is the natural law. As I said before, there is a structure and rules that one needs to follow in order for man to attain his end. This structure is the natural law. The natural law is based on reason that informs the people in the society how to maintain justice (giving to each person what is owed to them). Earlier, I mentioned that there are concrete applications of the natural law that we need prudence for in order to determine how the natural law should be applied. This is

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7 PARISH LIFE + ARCHDIOCESE

OUR ALTAR SOCIETY NEEDS YOU!

Great volunteers meet after the Monday daily Mass to clean and make the Church beautiful, and they decorate for all our holy days. This is a quick - and very helpful way to participate in the holy liturgy.

WE NEED COOKS TO HELP HURTING/HEALING FAMILIES OF SAINT LUKE

St. Luke's Martha's Ministry volunteers offer an occasional home-cooked meal to families who have had recent life changes - a new baby in the family, recovery from illness or hospitalization, or the recent loss of a loved one. Meals are brought directly to your home in the Slidell/Pearl River area. Dietary restrictions can be accommodated and Covid protocols are followed. If you or someone you know needs a meal, please call us at 985-641-6429 or visit www.saintlukeslidell.org/martha.

OUR ANNUAL FAMILY BASH IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER - COME HELP GET THE PARTY STARTED!

Family Bash Weekend is
October 14 + 15

If you're the kind of person who loves a good party - and who doesn't?! - we need your help for our upcoming Family Bash weekend! To find out where you can connect your talents and gifts, call Mandi Troyani at our office! 985-641-6572

2023 NOLA CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

Sep. 30, 2023 | 8:30 am - 6:00 pm
7th - 12th graders are invited to join the fun and faith at Jesuit High School, 4133 Banks St, NOLA. Fr. Josh Johnson, author + podcaster, Fr. Andrew Gutierrez who has been at Saint Luke, and Fr. Ajani Gibson, singer + speaker, will be the keynote speakers. There will also be workshops, the Mass with Archbishop Gregory Aymond, Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration, praise + worship music, exhibitors + more! Only \$45 per participant includes bus transportation. Register at www.saintlukeslidell.org/stirintoflame no later than Monday, September 11.

ANNUAL ORGANIZATION LEADERS PARISHWIDE MEETING

August 21, 2023 at 6 pm in RM. 4
ALL PARISH ORGANIZATION LEADERS should attend (or send a representative) to the annual Calendar and Information meeting. Please finalize all your meeting and event calendars before attending. To acknowledge that your organization will attend visit www.saintlukeslidell.org/ministryportal

FIRE SQUAD RETREAT

August 26, 2023 | 9:00 am - 11:30 am
All our FIRE team volunteers are invited to a beautiful morning retreat to get your FIRE rekindled and ready for a new FIRE year!

To RSVP:
www.saintlukeslidell.org/fireretreat

WE NEED ADORATION CHAPEL ADORERS

We need couples, families, and individuals who desire to spend time with Jesus. You can have a regular adoration hour or choose from times needed on our wonderful app. If you have never visited our Adoration Chapel, please stop by for a visit. You are welcome anytime. The Chapel is always open; however, between 6pm-6am, a code is needed to enter. The code can be assigned to you by calling Sylvia Riera, our Adoration Chapel Coordinator. For more information visit www.saintlukeslidell.org and click ADORE!

PRIEST CONVOCATION SEPTEMBER 6-8, 2023

Every 4 years, priests from across Louisiana gather for a 3-day convocation. More than 350 priests from all over the state gather to pray, share support and leadership ideas, and more. No other state has a similar convocation, and Archbishop Aymond uses the time to get to know our priests, our parish needs, and offer his wisdom and guidance. It's an amazing opportunity for our priests, and we ask for your prayers as Fr. Jared, Fr. Suvakin, and Fr. Cooper attend.

To allow our priests the necessary time to go, there will be no confessions on September 6, and visiting priests will cover the daily Masses. More information will be available in the weeks to come.

OUR SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB WILL BE MEETING SOON!

2nd Wednesday of each Month
beginning on September 13, 2023
Our Senior Citizens Club is ramping up their busy calendar of events, and parishioners are invited to join for great trips, monthly meetings, and fun! Call our Parishioner Liaison to join all the events.

SAINT LUKE MINISTRY + ORGANIZATIONS

IMPORTANT! BULLETIN DEADLINES ARE CHANGING

All Saint Luke ministry/organization leaders should note that items or events that need to be advertised in the parish bulletin have to be sent to our ministry portal no later than 2 weeks before the item should appear in the bulletin. At Christmas and Easter, the deadline is 3 weeks before the item should appear. This will allow us to make pressing deadlines for publication. All bulletin items must be approved by the Pastor. Thank you for helping us meet your needs.

www.saintlukeslidell.org/ministryportal

LITURGY MINISTRY RECRUITMENT and MORNING OF REFLECTION

Recruitment: August 12 + 13, 2023

If you or any member of your family would like to join a liturgy ministry this is your invitation! We will be recruiting in the Community Room after all Masses.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES MORNING OF REFLECTION + REFRESHER

August 19 | 8:30 am - 11:30 am

This event is for all members of our Liturgy Ministry - Readers, EMHC, Ushers, and Sacristans - new and current! Please make every effort to attend.

8:30 am - Check in (coffee + doughnuts)
9 am - Reflection led by Fr. Jared
9:30 am - Practical information
10 am - Breakout Groups
11 am - Questions and Answers



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why we need positive law or civil law to guide us so that we can attain our end. Positive law should only be based

on reason and the natural law.

The material cause of the polis is the people or society itself. It is the thing that is being formed by the formal cause (natural law) for the final cause (common good). The material cause in its perfect form is what Jacques Maritain calls the "body politic." The body politic is the whole of political or civil society. It is a work of reason and will ordered to the common good.

Lastly, the efficient cause of the polis is the state or the government. The state has three primary functions in its authority. The first function is the paternal function because of the idea that children need discipline, and it arises out of a deficiency in a person to attain happiness. The second function is called the essential function which is united action. Man has an end, but there are several different ways to attain it. This is why authority is necessary because the more freedom you have, the more you need authority. The third function is called the most essential function which is the united will. There needs to be a community of will where everyone intends the common good materially (as individuals) and formally (as persons). This function requires the virtue of obedience in respect to authority.

I know that this part of the series was a long one, so thank you for hanging in there until the end! I covered a lot of tough material in this article, so please let me know if you have any questions about any of it.

Seth



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRY

6-26-23 to 6-30-23

Your generosity of countless volunteer hours and financial and food donations help us to take care of families in our community who are facing emergency financial crisis. We are always looking for volunteers to help us in the food pantry, the office, and Thanksgiving, School, and Christmas programs. Please call our office to help us make a difference

PANTRY NEEDS: Items in RED are urgently needed

peanut butter (18oz +) Mixed Fruit (15 oz. Can)
Potted Meat
Deodorant (1.5 oz. +)
Toilet Paper
Tooth Brushes
Tooth Brush Caps
Diapers (sz 5, 6)
Cereal (Box)
Mashed Potatoes (Box/Pouch)
Shampoo (12 oz. +)

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Food for 17 families SNAP for 6 clients
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Gas Voucher for 2 clients
ID for 5 clients
Optical for 1 client
Baby Formula/Diapers for 10 Families
Referrals to other agencies for 28 clients

Good Sams is open Monday (12:30 - 3:30 pm)

Tuesday - Friday (9:30 am - 3:30 pm)

Please call ahead for appointment, 985-641-6421

**We do not accept clothing or furniture donations.
Bring these to Community Christian Concern at
2515 Carey St., Slidell**

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You can donate to Good Sams once - or on a monthly basis.

HOW TO DONATE: You can support our mission to make our community a wonderful place to live for every family! You can make your donation as a "one time" gift, a recurring weekly or monthly gift, or even donate in memory of someone dear to you. You can even donate on behalf of someone you love.

<https://saintlukeslidell.org/donategoodsams>

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9 SAINT LUKE SERVES

To contact an organization below, contact KAY GUARD, our Parishioner Liaison, at 985-641-6429 ext. 207
SAINT LUKE LEADER PORTAL: WWW.SAINTLUKESLIDELL.ORG/MINISTRYPORTAL

LITURGY + SACRAMENTS

- + **SACRED SERVERS** assist priest in the sanctuary for the Mass and other liturgical functions. Contact: Dave Vedros or Kay Guard
- + **COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND** Contact: Mimi Fritchie
- + **COMMUNION FOR THOSE IN HOSPITAL/NURSING FACILITIES** Contact: Kay Guard
- + **ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND RETREATS:** www.neworleans.engagedencounter.com Contact: Chris and Stacey Hebert
- + **READERS + EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION** serve the Holy Mass. Contact: Kay Guard
- + **USHERS** assist families coming to worship at Saint Luke. Contact: Gene Bellisario
- + **IS GOD CALLING YOU TO RELIGIOUS LIFE? INTERESTED IN BEING A DEACON OR PRIEST?** Contact: Pastor's Office.
- + **WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH OR WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC?** Contact: Tressie Karl

PRAYER

- + **BIBLE STUDIES** are available throughout the year. Contact: Mandi Troyani, FIRE Coordinator
- + **ENDOW** empowers Catholic women to live out their feminine genius through friendship and prayer. Contact: Pastor's Office
- + **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** grows our love for Jesus. To take an hour: www.stluke.weadorehim.com/en Contact: Sylvia Riera
- + **LITURGY OF THE HOURS** is the rich daily prayer of the Church, every day at 6 am in the Adoration Chapel. Contact: Carl Cucullu
- + **LORD TEACH ME TO PRAY** is a 3-part series, rooted in Ignatian spirituality. Held throughout the year. Contact: Carol Weiler
- + **ST. JOSEPH ALTAR** occurs March 19 each year. Volunteers begin preparation in January. Contact: Margaret Long

SUPPORT

- + **ANNULMENT INFORMATION** is available for Saint Luke parishioners. Contact: Pastor's Office
- + **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT** offers comfort to those who have lost a loved one. 2nd Monday of each month, 6:30 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes parish, 400 Westchester Place. Contact: Diane St. Germaine at 985-643-4137
- + **CANCER SUPPORT** is for survivors and caregivers, 1st Wednesday of each month at 7 pm at our FLC. Contact: Cynthia Hingle
- + **HALOS SUPPORT GROUP** is for those who have lost loved ones to overdose or suicide. 2nd Monday of each month at St. Margaret Mary parish in the Evangelization Building, 1050 Robert Blvd. Contact: Donna Oster at 985-201-2143
- + **LUX YOUNG ADULTS** offers support and great events for adults (18-39). Contact: Mandi Troyani, FIRE Coordinator
- + **LUX YOUTH MINISTRY** equips and strengthens young hearts (Grades 4-12). Contact: Mandi Troyani, FIRE Coordinator
- + **RETRouvaille** is for troubled marriages and helps couples reconnect. Contact: Mike and Judy Diedling
- + **SAFE ENVIRONMENT** is necessary for any work with minors or vulnerable adults at Saint Luke. Contact: Kay Guard
- + **SANCTITY OF LIFE GROUP** offers support for ProLife programs and services in southeastern Louisiana. Contact: Eileen Bruno
- + **SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB** offers friendship and events for adults (55+), 2nd Wednesday of each month, 1 pm in our FLC Conference Rm. Contact: Donna Gonzales
- + **SUBSTANCE ABUSE MINISTRY** is available for those who want recovery and their families at St. Margaret Mary parish, 1050 Robert Blvd, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 7 p.m. in the Evangelization Building. Contact: Dcn. Louis Bauer

SERVICE

- + **GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRY** (please see page 8)
- + **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** is a global fraternal service order for Catholic men. Contact: Rick VanArsdale.
 - + **FOURTH DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** encourage a love of country + the duties of citizenship. Contact: Chuck Sabadie.
- + **SLE LADIES CLUB** offers friendship for women through service to the parish and prayer. Contact: Sandra Watson.
- + **SLE MEN'S CLUB** offers opportunities to develop friendships and serve Saint Luke and the community. Contact: Neil Otilio
- + **SLE MULTICULTURAL COMMITTEE** is a social outreach organization that welcomes anyone interested in learning about other cultures and races and who would like to make Saint Luke a welcoming community for everyone. Contact: Kay Guard
- + **SLE SAFETY** helps assure a secure campus. Contact: Darryl Stoltz
- + **SLE WELCOMING COMMITTEE** visits and calls new parishioners to help them connect with the parish. Contact: Charlene Stein



CALENDAR 10

GREAT THINGS TO COME

MON - FRI, 1st SAT	8 am	Rosary and Novena	Church
Saturday, JUL. 29			
Sunday, JUL. 30	8 pm	Teen Adoration	Adoration Chapel
Monday, JUL. 31	9:15 am	Altar Society	Church
	11:00 am	Intercessory Prayer Group	Adoration Chapel
Tuesday, AUG. 1	9:30 am	Ranger Rosary	Rm 01- courtyard
Wednesday, AUG. 2	7:00 pm	Cancer Support Group	FCON
Thursday, AUG. 3	7:00 pm	KC Officers + Directors	Rm 01- Courtyard
Friday, AUG. 4			
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