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THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ASCENSION & SAINT LUKE



“But I say to you that hear: Love your enemies. Do good to them that hate you. Bless them that curse you and pray for them that calumniate you. And to him that striketh thee on the one cheek, offer also the other. And him that taketh away from thee thy cloak, forbid not to take thy coat also. Give to every one that asketh thee: and of him that taketh away thy goods, ask them not again. And as you would that men should do to you, do you also to them in like manner.”
Luke 6:27 – 31

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE
SAINT LUKE PARISH
SATURDAY: 4:00PM
SUNDAY: 10:30AM

ASCENSION PARISH
SUNDAY: 8:30AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
SAINT LUKE PARISH
TUESDAY: 4:00 - 4:55PM (*with Adoration*)
SATURDAY: 3:15PM - 3:55PM
SUNDAY: 10:00AM - 10:25AM (*time permitting*)

ASCENSION PARISH
SUNDAY: 8:00AM - 8:25AM

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgy Schedule for St. Luke & Ascension Parishes

Saturday, February 19th

4:00 pm - St. Luke: Sandy Cutting by Alice and Owen Collins

Sunday, February 20th - Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 am - 8:25 am – Confessions at Ascension

8:30 am - Ascension: Leon Renaud by Art and Sue Renaud

10:00 am – 10:25 am Confessions at St. Luke (time permitting)

10:30 am - St. Luke: For the people

Monday, February 21st

9:00 am - NO MASS

Tuesday, February 22nd - The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

4:00 pm - 4:55 pm — Adoration w/ Confessions at St. Luke

5:00 pm - St. Luke: Marylou and George Lyon by Jim Varricchione

Wednesday, February 23rd - Saint Polycarp

9:00 am - Ascension: Michael Sturgeon by the Sturgeon family

6:00 pm - St. Luke: Deceased members of the Fitzgerald and Pistocco families by Pete and Karen Fitzgerald

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm — Holy Hour

Thursday, February 24th

9:00 am - St. Luke: Albert Redding by Vince and Mary Beth Redding

Friday, February 25th

9:00 am - Ascension: Deceased members of the Redding and Lecorchick families by Vince and Mary Beth Redding

Saturday, February 26th

4:00 pm - St. Luke: Anna Dumont by Michael Cross and Faith Cross

Sunday, February 27th - Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 am - 8:25 am – Confessions at Ascension

8:30 am - Ascension: Patricia Ribolini by Art and Sue Renaud

10:00 am – 10:25 am Confessions at St. Luke (time permitting)

10:30 am - St. Luke: For the people

Companions with the suffering Christ: Please pray for the ill or confined, and those in need of healing: James Austin, Linda Barrows, Tonia Barbin, George Bilodeau, Danielle & Pat Orioles, Clem Cardinal, Joanne Carey, Alice Collins, Barbara Cobiere, Charlotte, Amelia Foley, Jim Godin, Jean Gregoire, James Kendall, Jo Ann Kendall, Jinny Bogni-LeMay, Jillian Mathieu, Ronald Morin, Ronald Morin, II, Lisa Ouimette, David Parisi, Kristy Pigeon, L Q., Joseph Q., Fr. Donald Ravey, Mary St. Arnold, Dan Valley, Delaney Werneke, Sam Wilbur, Inmates of the NW Correctional Facility

February 20, 2022

FINANCIAL REPORT

Collections for the Weekend of February 13, 2022

St. Luke: \$ 2,495.39 Votive candles \$24.50

Ascension: \$ 1,599.00

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INTO HIS LIKENESS

In the ancient disciple-rabbi relationship, the disciple would follow the rabbi so closely that he would be covered in the dust kicked up from his rabbi's feet. Thousands of years later, though we walk on roads of pavement and not dust, we are still called to be disciples—to follow our Rabbi, Jesus Christ, so closely that we are covered with his life, changed, and made new. But this transformation in Christ doesn't happen overnight. In this series, Edward Sri reminds us of two basic truths: First, (A) The truth of our human condition: we are full of many weaknesses, wounds, and sins. And second, (B) The truth of our high calling—we are called to be perfected in God's love and transformed in Christ. Living as a disciple is all about the process of getting from A to B. Do you sense that movement in you—that desire to go deeper in your relationship with Christ? If your answer is yes, know that God has put this yearning in your soul. This series aims to help you follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit so that you may more intentionally encounter Jesus anew each day

Prayers are asked for the following students who will be making their Confirmation in the spring:

Chatham Brouillette, Ashley Foisy, Kennedy Heth, Luke Lawson, Celia Leclair, Karlie Lowell, Madison Parah, Bridget Milne, Ava Reynolds, Malia White, Kali Cushing, Theodore Colling, Anastasia Couture, Shannon Milne, Ellana Nielsen, Michael Parent, Lina Patterson, Lily Popovitch, Katarina Rice, Simon Senesac, Emma Sibley, Thomas Weber.

Military News: Please pray for the safety and well-being of our military personnel, especially those who have been deployed: Sgt. Brion Houston, Maj. Christopher H. Stafford and Jonathon Modugno

The Mass Begins

The Mass is a re-presentation of Christ's Sacrifice, first celebrated sacramentally by our Lord Himself at the Last Supper. There He gave Himself as food to the Apostles and instituted the form of our celebration. St. Matthew records in his Gospel that leaving the upper room, Jesus and His Apostles sang a hymn, and then processed across the Kidron Valley to Gethsemane, where He entered into His Passion. The Mass today is preceded by the procession of the Priest and the other servers to the altar, and recalls this first procession of Christ to Gethsemane, and ultimately, on to the Cross of Calvary.

Similarly His Priest goes to the altar. *The altar is a great mystery ... What then is the altar? ... it is threshold ... Threshold is door, and it has a double significance: border and crossing over. It indicates where one thing ends and another begins. The border which marks the end of the old makes possible entry into the new. As a threshold, the altar creates first of all the border between the realm of the world and the realm of God. The altar reminds us of the remoteness in which He lives "beyond the altar," as we might say, meaning divine distance; or "above the altar," meaning divine loftiness both to be understood of course not spatially, but spiritually ... Threshold is not, however, only borderline; it is also crossing over. One can step over it into the adjacent room, or, standing on it, receive him who comes from the other side* (Meditations Before Mass, Romano Guardini).

When the Priest stands on the same side of the altar as the people the symbolism is clear: praying for them, he reaches into God's storehouse and brings out Heaven's Treasure, to be distributed to the faithful. But whether he stands nearer to the people or farther away, on this side or the other, the reality remains that here is the place where Christ appears to give Himself to us, and so, the Priest climbs to the altar upon which Christ, our Priest and Victim, offers Himself daily in His Eucharistic Sacrifice ... [the Church] has proclaimed again and again that in her mind the altar represents her Lord Himself. He is Altar, Victim and Priest (The Liturgical Altar, Geoffrey Webb, 18). Therefore the Priest kisses the altar, for it is a symbol of Christ and the stone where He will set His feet.

The vision of St. John as recorded in the Book of Revelation began with specific messages to seven different Christian communities. Some are addressed to the "angel" of that church, which probably refers to the bishop in that city. St. Polycarp was the bishop of the Church in Smyrna at the time of St. John's vision.

To the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These are the words of Him Who is the First and the Last, Who died and came to life again. I know your afflictions and your poverty—yet you are rich! I know the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes will not be hurt at all by the second death. (Rev. 2:8-11)

Martha's Kitchen

Several members of St. Luke's Parish volunteer at Martha's Community Kitchen(MKC) which is supported by many area churches. Donations are always needed and at his time the most efficient way to support MKC is with monetary donations. Checks made out to Martha's Kitchen or cash may be placed in the containers at the entrances to church or you can visit marthascommunitykitchen802.org to make a donation online. Basic staple items that can always be used are white tuna, bottled water, dessert mixes, peanut butter, jellies/jams, canned tomato, chicken noodle and all cream soups and boneless chicken. Donations may be placed in the donation boxes at the entrances to the church to be brought to MCK by the parish volunteers.

Join the **Vermont Catholic Women's Group on Zoom** as we go through *Restore: A Guided Lent Journal for Prayer and Meditation* by Sr. Miriam James Heidland. You can purchase the book from AveMariaPress.com by searching Restore. We will have weekly edifying discussions. Join us for one or all meetings. Women of all ages are welcomed. Sign up for our mailing list at www.stlukevt.org and contact Carolina Chenette at 802.393.3365 for more details. Let us know if you need help technically or financially to buy the book. Order your book through us by February 10th. **Meetings are Thursdays, starting March 3rd to April 14th. From 7:30 pm - 9 pm.**



Feb. 23rd: Feast of Saint Polycarp

St Irenaeus regarded the memory of St Polycarp as a link to the apostolic past. In his letter to Florinus, Irenaeus relates how and when he became a Christian: *I could tell you the place where the blessed Polycarp sat to*

preach the Word of God. It is yet present to my mind with what gravity he everywhere came in and went out; what was the sanctity of his deportment, the majesty of his countenance; and what were his holy exhortations to the people. I seem to hear him now relate how he conversed with John and many others who had seen Jesus Christ, the words he had heard from their mouths. Irenaeus reports that Polycarp was converted to Christianity by Apostles, was consecrated a presbyter, and communicated with many who had seen Jesus. He writes that he had had the good fortune, when young, to know Polycarp, who was then far advanced in years.

In the *Martyrdom*, Polycarp is recorded as saying on the day of his death: *"Eighty and six years I have served Him, and He has done me no wrong. How then can I blaspheme my King and Savior? You threaten me with a fire that burns for a season, and after a little while is quenched; but you are ignorant of the fire of everlasting punishment that is prepared for the wicked."* Polycarp was burned at the stake and pierced with a spear for refusing to burn incense to the Roman emperor. On his farewell, he said: *"I bless you, Father, for judging me worthy of this hour, so that in the company of the martyrs I may share the cup of Christ."* St Polycarp was martyred on Saturday, February 23, in the proconsulship of Lucius Statius Quadratus, c. 155 or 156.

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