

12th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Liturgical Celebrations

Lord's Day Masses

Saturday at 5PM

Sunday at 10AM and 6PM

Daily Mass at 8AM (Mon., Tues., & Wed.)

We will continue to record Mass for the website
and Flocknote for the foreseeable future.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please call the parish office to make an appointment.

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Mass Intentions

SAT., JUNE 20TH

1:00PM *Baptism: Layla Marie Petkewich*

5:00PM *Bob Brochu, 6th Anniversary*
Paul Scotto and Diane Galloway

SUN., JUNE 21ST 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

10:00AM *Devita Cormier*
Paul Cormier

6:00PM *Christopher Gaudet, Bday Remembrance*
Henry Larose

MON., JUNE 22ND

8:00AM *Ron DePatie*
Helen and Edward Reddish

TUES., JUNE 23RD

8:00AM

WED., JUNE 24TH

8:00AM *Tina Melanson, 1st Anniversary*
Henri Membertou

SAT., JUNE 27TH

5:00PM

SUN., JUNE 28TH 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

10:00AM *Albin and Ruth Strazdis*

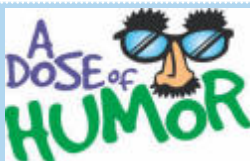
1:00PM *Baptism: Ryan Andrew Hudson*

6:00PM *Christopher Gaudet, 1st Anniversary*
Donald McMilleon



We welcome the following who received Sacraments this weekend here at Our Lady of the Lake.

*Jaxson DeGroot
Riley DeGroot
Judith Harriman
Caseigh McDonough
Sullivan (Sully) McDonough*



A Sunday school teacher asked her class, "What was Jesus' mother's name?" One child answered, "Mary".

The teacher then asked, "Who knows what Jesus' father's name was?" A little kid said, "Verge". Confused, the teacher asked, "Where did you get that?" The kid said, "Well, you know they are always talking about Verge 'n Mary."

Dear Friends,

How is it, that, when we are getting ready to go away suddenly feel the need get all the things done that we have been putting off for some time before we leave? Perhaps this isn't something that troubles you. Good for you! I have to remember every time I have returned from a trip or a retreat, everything is still in the last place I left them and that what doesn't get done now, will get done when I come home, eventually.

We decided today that beginning this Sunday, June 21st we will be celebrating the 6:00 pm mass outside in the parking lot, weather permitting. While the protocols are the same, this might help some folks who feel more comfortable outside to be able to attend mass. Social distancing will be the norm. If you are with your family and they are living with you, you can all sit together. Otherwise, we'll have to observe the six foot limit. You're also going to need to bring your own chair and the ushers will help bring you to the seating area. You will also need to wear a mask especially as you come to receive the Eucharist. I hope this helps to relieve some of the stress folks have been feeling regarding coming back to church. As I have said many times, you'll know when you are ready. Don't push yourself too hard, but do remember to achieve the goal, with God's help, of coming back to the Eucharist.

In last week's bulletin I mentioned I will be leaving on Friday, June 26 for my 30 Day Directed Retreat at Eastern Point Retreat House in Gloucester and will be returning on the 30th of July. This is something I have been wanting to do for many years and it seems everything just "fell" into place for it to become a reality. It is very clear that the hand of God has been directing my thoughts, words, and actions to enable me to take this journey and adventure! I am inviting anyone who would like me to pray for them, or their special intention, while I am on retreat to drop it off at the Parish Office, or email or snail mail it to me by Thursday. I will place them all in a "Prayer Box" to accompany me in this time of prayer and reflection. Once I begin the retreat, I will not be answering any emails or texts, so please make sure you send it to me now at cmb@ourladylake.org.

As you know, I love you and I miss you. Be assured of my prayers every day and cannot wait until the day we can all worship safely together.

Peace,
Fr. Michael

On Friday, June 5th we held a prayer vigil in our parking lot for the victims of the Coronavirus as well as for those affected by the violence and the sin of racism. Over 100 people attended to pray and sing together. Eric Miele, a seventh grade student, and Altar Server, offered this closing prayer. Like most written prayers, this one gives voice to the many who cannot find the words to say that will express what they want to say, thus enabling so many folks to offer to God their hearts in prayer during this crisis. Thank you, Eric!

Dear God,

We come to you today in hopes that you will provide us with guidance, hope, and strength in the battle against violence, hate, and racism. Let us remember that you created every human in your image and in your likeness; each one of us different, and equal. Help us to close our human eyes that see race, and color, and divisions in our world, and open our spiritual eyes so that we can see that we are all united as the children of God. Teach us to see your divine presence in our neighbors and remind us that race and color are simply variations of your divine light that shines in all of us.

Like you, let us lead others by example in the ways of love, forgiveness, and harmony. Give us the wisdom and the courage to build a community around us that lives by the values of Jesus. And through the Holy spirit, give us the courage to stand up to evil in the world and to proclaim your good news, so we may abolish hate, violence, and discrimination and live in the world of love and happiness that you imagined for us.

In the world that we live in today, we fight not only the foe of racial discrimination, but we also must battle the Coronavirus Pandemic. As it takes over our world, we are humbled to see how fragile we really are and we are also reminded of how much we depend on you. Even though we may feel threatened by the sickness and death that the Coronavirus brings, let us remember the Easter message.

When your son, Jesus Christ gave up his life on the cross, he destroyed sin and death, opening the gates of eternal life for us. While we live in fear of the Coronavirus, we can be confident that we will unite to get through this hard time gathering strength and hope from our ever-loving God. This love will make us better and strengthen our connection not only with each other, but with our God.

Knowing that you do not want us to dwell in our problems, we will stand up, united in faith, to do everything in our power to make our world better. Our first thought will always be to help our brothers and sisters get through the hardships of our world because, as we learned from our greatest teacher, if we show love for our neighbors we show our love for Jesus.

Amen



GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

There are many things of which we can be afraid: being rebuked, rejection, anger, being challenged, having to defend ourselves, standing alone, insecurity, failure, and even death. For some, identifying and overcoming their fears is a daunting task. Regardless of how much they may want to break the cycle of fear, they find that they remain close friends with old and dysfunctional behavioral habits and norms. Maybe what they really fear is change. There are many who gravitate to the familiar and comfortable, and find safety and security in doing so, even if they remain mired in mediocrity. Human beings have to learn that there is life beyond the "what has always been" and that happiness and depth are possible when old structures and systems have to be left behind.

Can you leave the near and dear, the comfortable and familiar, the safe and secure, and discover new opportunities? The sheer thought of doing so can bring on feelings of apprehension, intense anger, resentment, defensiveness, reluctance, resistance, and even apathy. If we have to be



responsible for making the change, cowardice can creep in. If someone else is to blame for making the change, any number of possible negative reactions are possible. In the end, only one thing is required and that is God. If I can rely on and deepen my relationship with God, especially in the Eucharist along with a community of believers, then little else is of great concern. We have to figure out what is really important. It is not always what we think.

The Gospel calls us to stretch ourselves and try new things, not to remain stuck and stagnant in

familiar ways. We are asked to live life more deliberately, radically, and intentionally. We are asked to leave the familiar behind and learn to live with changing, and often limiting, human structures. We cannot get too caught up in the physical, ideological, or structural systems we are used to. The Holy Spirit always leads and guides us. If we trust this, we will find ourselves doing things we never thought we could do. Always seek the path to joy and love. They keep us from falling victim to our fears and from seeking the nostalgic crutches we think we need to achieve a sense of well-being and happiness.

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PARISH TITHE

Thanks to your generosity---The week of **June 14th Tithe of \$684.40** will be sent to the Resident Activities Fund at **Sterling Village**. The money may be used for several different activities. With the pandemic, residents are in their rooms so one of the needs is for more cd players for the residents to enjoy in their rooms. There is also a store at the Sterling Village that residents work at -they sell things from the store (candy, snacks etc.) to other residents or to visitors of Sterling Village.



If you would like to light a **Memorial candle** in honor of a loved one, you may purchase one for \$4 each at the parish office. Recipients are responsible for lighting and placing their candles into the candle holders out at our **Parish Grotto**.



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Thank you for your continued prayers and support for a successful Campaign!

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Our Lady of the Lake Year End Catechists, Aides and Volunteer Gathering

We could not let this year end without thanking each of you who so generously gave of your time, talent and shared your faith with the young disciples of our parish family. We would like to gather on Monday Evening, June 22nd to pray in Joyful Thanksgiving for all you have shared with us. Come join us at 6 pm outside for the Living Rosary and receive a small token of our appreciation. *Rain Date Wednesday, June 24th, same time*
Please RSVP to Debbie Bronchuk at dbronchuk@ourladylake.org or leave a message on 978 342-2978 ext. 106



Sunday, June 28th. at 6:00 pm Baccalaureate Mass will be outdoors (weather permitting). Please bring your own chair. We invite **ALL Our Lady of the Lake High School Seniors** to celebrate your accomplishment and pray with you and for you and to give thanks to God for your gifts and to pray together for God's Grace to surround you as you journey forward.



Zoom discussion continues for Jr. High students grades 6-8

Guided by the Handbook for Today's Catholic Teen, Monday evenings starting at 7 pm via ZOOM. All Jr. High students are welcome to join in on the discussion, share *Some Good News* (SGN) of what is happening in the world today and Pray together. If you are interested in joining our group contact Mrs. Lutter at mlutter@ourladylake.org for an invite.

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