





August 16, 2020



Twentieth Sunday Ordinary Time

It is strange that the Canaanite woman needs to plead with Jesus for her daughter's healing, then debate with him over his rebuff, especially since we usually teach our children it's not appropriate to bargain with God for an answer to our prayers.

Even if the whole point of Jesus' discourse was to teach a lesson that his mission was universal, the mother's hurt feelings and loss of face prompted

her quick riposte.

Recall that dogs in the bible were not pampered and beloved as many of our pets are today, they were considered unclean and outcasts, often consigned to scavenge refuse heaps at the outskirts of town. (The book of Tobit would be one important exception).

We should persist in prayers even when they go answered.



8 AM Mass Begins Sept 13

Holy Cross Church
 Monday - Friday
 8:30 AM until 4 PM
 Sunday
 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Weekday Mass
 In Church Live Streaming
 9:00 AM
 (attendance limit 50)

Saturday Vigil Mass
 In Church
 5:00 PM
 (attendance limit 213)

Sunday Mass
 In Church Live Streaming
 10:30 AM Mass
 (attendance limit 213)

Adoration of the Blessed
 Sacrament
 Wednesday 9:30 AM - Noon

Confessions
 Friday 9:30 AM outdoors pergola

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Demons are a popular subject these days, starring in media productions, books and documentaries. Most of the accounts are sensationalized to attract viewers and many are works of fiction. But truth is, the devil is real, persistent and cunning. Exorcists tell us that holy water, crucifix, sign of the cross and prayer are highly feared by demons and can be used effectively in helping to ward off evil from a person or a place. Modern popes have advocated reciting the St. Michael's Prayer, a prayer of exorcism written by Pope Leo XIII. All church exorcists warn against dabbling in the occult by using fortune tellers, witches or Satanists - even Ouija boards. They invite dialogue with Satan who can begin to wield undue influence over susceptible individuals.

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Very Rev. Michael Manning, STL
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Even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters



From the Pastor

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

It's not too soon to make plans for joining the Catholic Church! Plans and schedules are being formulated for RCIA online sessions now. At the present time, we plan the classes and meetings to be online. Call the Parish Office for more information or to discuss your particular situation.

Infant Baptisms

Baptisms are being scheduled with one family at a time and already booked for the next few months. Please call the office to schedule an infant baptism.

Weddings

Most couples have postponed their weddings pending the lifting of COVID restrictions or hoping for more lenient ones. Realistically, neither appears likely for quite a while. Keep in mind that restrictions on gathering size, the use of masks by all but the bride and groom and social distancing are in effect.

Farewell To Our Music Director

Thank you and farewell to our Music Director, Jill Ramme. Jill and her fiancée were married some months ago and Jill is leaving Holy Cross for full-time employment. We wish the happy couple well and are certain wherever Jill brings her musical talents will be a gift.

We don't anticipate searching for another full time director for quite some time. When there are far fewer masses and no choirs allowed to practice, there is no need at the present time. In the interim, church organists will provide our music at our Sunday 10:30 AM mass.

Parish Offertory

Online Giving	\$ 5,238.00
Sunday Mass	\$ 4,099.00

Thank You



New Brick Pavers Arrive

A new shipment of Memorial paver bricks have arrived and will be installed in the Prayer Garden:

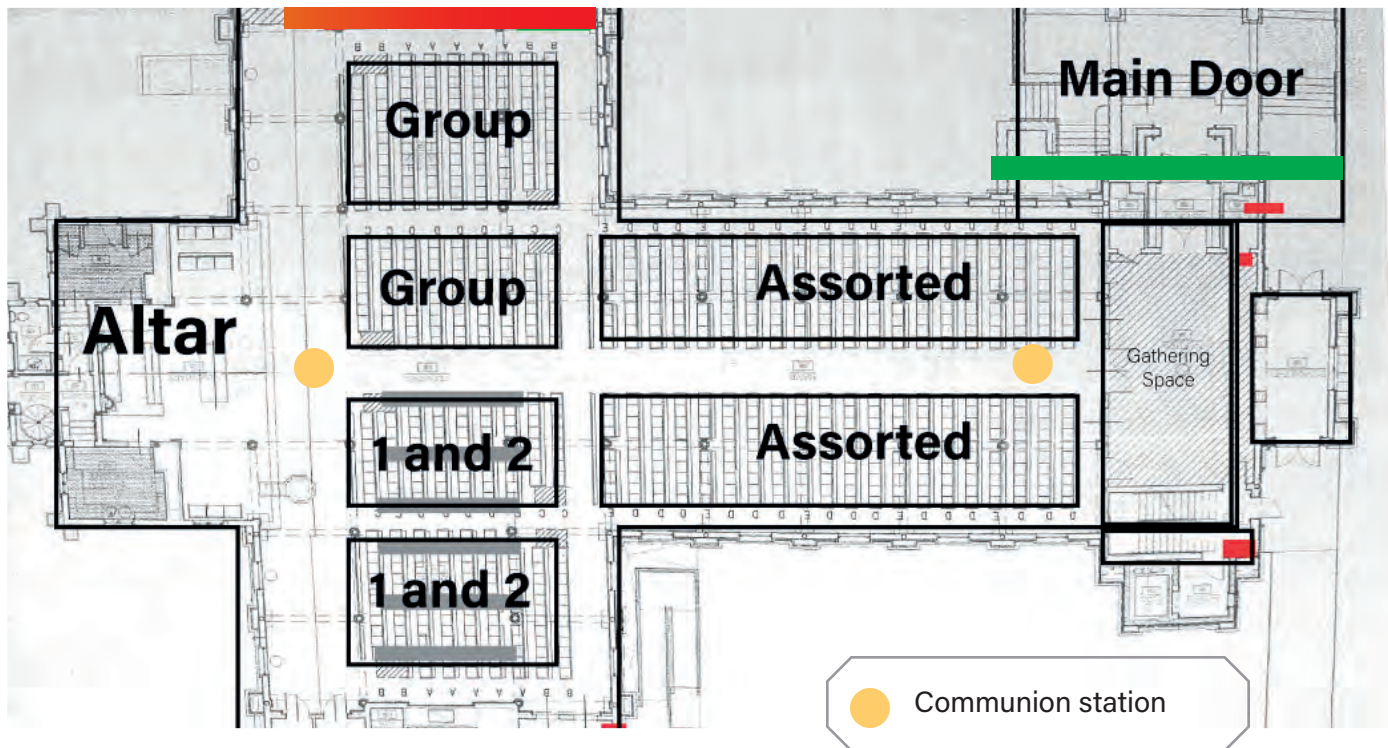
1. In Gratitude Holy Cross AA Meetings From: Michael Walker
 2. Grandma Papa McOrmand From: McOrmand Family
 3. In Loving Memory Michael Grillo, Sr. 1945 - 2020 From: Sharon and Jerry Cesaro
 4. In Loving Memory of Clare Morris & John Morris From: The Morris Family
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 6. In Loving Memory Of Robert Mattone From: Barbara Mattone
- Paver bricks are a fitting way to remember a loved one, give thanks for a prayer or celebrate an anniversary. Requested donation is \$400. Please call the Parish Office for more details.

**Marian
Candles**

Anthony Lubrano by Helen Maresca
Dolores Koerwer by The Lapp Family

Mass Intentions

15-Aug	5:00 PM	Frank Monteforte	Velcamp Family
16-Aug	8:00 AM	William Gardella, Sr.	Tony Gardella
16-Aug	10:30 AM	Edward J. Ploples	Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Lynch
17-Aug	9:00 AM	George Angelica	Mr. & Mrs. Ken Stromsland
18-Aug	9:00 AM	Terry Bostic	Mr. & Mrs. Gerard Kowalski
19-Aug	9:00 AM	John McLean	The Worobel Family
20-Aug	9:00 AM	Gary Sammon	Joan McCue
21-Aug	9:00 AM	Martha Braccini	Mr. & Mrs. Ken Stromsland
22-Aug	5:00 PM	John McLean	Dr. & Mrs. William Wood
23-Aug	8:00 AM	Jane Lynch	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Seaman
23-Aug1	10:30 AM	Dr. Edward T. Donohue	Sperber Family



Seating Arrangement in Church for Sunday Assembly: 213 person limit.

Rows indicated 1 and 2 and reserved for couples or individuals.

Group pews are for groups from the same household of 3 or more persons.

The assorted rows in the nave will be adjusted according to the needs of the congregation by the ushers.

Ushers will guide or direct you to a seat. Please wait if they are already helping others.

Please bring and wear a non-medical face mask and observe social distancing.



I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

words are necessary for the sacrament to be valid. The Congregation was getting reports of baptisms being conferred with the words: "In the name of the father and of the mother, of the godfather and of the godmother, of the grandparents, of the family

Prayer Words Matter

The baptismal formula "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" recited while pouring water" cannot be arbitrarily changed ruled the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

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members, of the friends, in the name of the community we baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." The alleged reason for this modification was to emphasize the participation of the community and/or to minimize the importance of the priestly minister. Back in 2012, the Vatican stopped baptisms using another modification of the formula which was becoming popular, "I baptize you in the name of the Creator, and of the Redeemer and of the Sanctifier." Some were using that formula to avoid invoking the traditional masculine pronouns for The Father and the Son.

The Congregation gave both administrative and theological reasons for its decision. As a practical matter, the priest or minister conferring the sacrament cannot change the essential words the church stipulates. Moreover, the priest cannot vouch for the intentions of all those attending the baptism. The priest acts not for the local community gathered at one baptism, but for the Universal Church and for Christ.