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MASS SCHEDULE

All worship services are at 2:00 PM unless otherwise noted.

August 1, 2021: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 8, 2021: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 15, 2021: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 22, 2021: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 29, 2021: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRAYER INTENTIONS

If you would like us to remember a special intention for you at Mass, please contact one of our priests.

If you or someone you know is in need of spiritual assistance (prayers, Sacrament of the Sick, etc.), please contact one of our priests.

Inquiries regarding the administration of Sacraments or services (Baptisms, First Communion, Marriages, and Funerals) are welcomed.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS – AUGUST 2021 – CYCLE B

+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div.

August 1, 2021 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time: In the passage from Exodus, the Lord provides the Israelites with miraculous food to sustain them in the desert. In the Gospel, the crowds ask Jesus for similar food, and he responds that he himself is the bread of life: they need to believe in him. “Truth is in Jesus,” proclaims the letter to the Ephesians. Divine Master, we renew our faith in you! (Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15, Ephesians 4:17, 20-24, John 6:24-35)

August 8, 2021 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time: In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus says, “The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.” It is a startling reference to the “hour” when he will hand himself over for us as a sacrificial offering. The Eucharist is food for our spiritual journey, as the hearth cake was nourishment for Elijah’s physical journey. May we never take the Eucharist for granted! (1 Kings 19:4-8, Ephesians 4:30-5:2, John 6:41-51)

August 15, 2021 – Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Today’s first and second readings celebrate the victory of God over the evils of sin and death. Mary’s Gospel canticle looks forward to this victory – which has begun with her. Mary was Jesus’ temple. Do we recognize that we, too, have the grace of being a temple of God? (Revelations 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab, 1 Corinthians 15:20-27a, Luke 1:39-56)

August 22, 2021 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time: In this Sunday’s selection from Joshua, the people express their loyalty to God, who has led them out of Egypt and into the promised land. In the Gospel, Peter proclaims the disciples’ loyalty to Jesus. In the passage from Ephesians, spouses are encouraged to be loyal to one another. Lord, help us to be loyal to you and to those who are closest to us. (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b, Ephesians 5:21-32, John 6:60-69)

August 29, 2021 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: “Be doers of the word and not hearers only,” writes James. The Ten Commandments, given at Mount Sinai, are perennially valid. However, Jesus reprimands some religious leaders for uselessly multiplying laws. Have we set up “rules” for our daily life that make genuine love for God and neighbor more difficult to practice? (Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8, James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27, Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23)

Along the way

*reflections
selected by +Fr Carl*

**Along the way, we can be inspired by the good people we meet.
This month we can ponder the words of **Saint Francis of Assisi**.**

Born in Italy circa 1181, Saint Francis of Assisi was renowned for drinking and partying in his youth. After fighting in a battle between Assisi and Perugia, Francis was captured and imprisoned for ransom.



He spent nearly a year in prison — awaiting his father's payment — and, according to legend, began receiving visions from God. After his release from prison, Francis heard the voice of Christ, who told him to repair the Christian Church and live a life of poverty. Consequently, he abandoned his life of luxury and became a devotee of the faith, his reputation spreading all over the Christian world.

Later in life, Francis reportedly received a vision that left him with the stigmata of Christ — marks resembling the wounds Jesus Christ suffered when he was crucified. He was canonized as a saint on July 16, 1228.

During his life he also developed a deep love of nature and animals and is known as the patron saint of the environment and animals; his life and words have had a lasting resonance with millions of followers across the globe. Each October, many animals the world over are blessed on his feast day.

***Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received - only what you have given:
a full heart, enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage.***

***Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible;
and suddenly you are doing the impossible.***

Not to hurt our humble brethren is our first duty to them, but to stop there is not enough. We have a higher mission - to be of service to them whenever they require it.

***Do all you can to preach the gospel and if necessary use words!
the deeds you do may be the only sermon some persons will hear today.***

***All things of creation are children of the Father and thus brothers of man.
... God wants us to help animals, if they need help.
Every creature in distress has the same right to be protected.***

The only thing ever achieved in life without effort is failure.

Icons of St. Francis are available for purchase at: monasteryicons.com

From the Pastor's Desk

+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div.

Birthdays: August 11 – Barbara Butchart
August 22 – Erlaine Eltomi

Anniversaries: August 31 – Dr. Nathaniel and Sandra Murdock

Best wishes to all who have special days to celebrate this month!

In-Person Worship Services: In-Person worship services have returned, and we hope are here to stay! We encourage all to wear masks and practice social distancing when applicable to ensure everyone's health and safety.

2021 Synod – October 15-17, 2021: This year's Synod/Retreat is scheduled to be held at our sister parish, Sacred Cross Oratory, Floyds Knobs, Indiana, from Friday afternoon, October 15, 2021, through noon on Sunday, October 17, 2021. More details will follow in the coming months.

Prayers, please! Let us continue to pray for all those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. For those who have contracted the virus, we pray that God's healing hands touch them and bring them to a full and quick recovery. For those who respond to and care for these victims, we pray that God will continue to protect them.

Please remember Erlaine Eltomi in your thoughts and prayers as she recovers from hip surgery at a local rehabilitation facility.

Please remember Fr. Wayne Oppel from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, who is recovering from triple bypass surgery.

Thank you, Bishop Carl! Best wishes to Bishop Carl who has officially entered "Retired" status as our Founding and Provincial Bishop, as well as our Associate Pastor effective August 1, 2021. I am eternally grateful for his wisdom, guidance, leadership and service during this time, and I hope to be at least half the Shepherd he was to us as I take on the additional role as Provincial Bishop of the Ecumenical Diocese of Sts. Simon and Jude.