



Catholic Church of St. Luke

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July 2, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

Last week we looked at the parts and gestures of the Mass common to the priest and lay faithful. This week, the focus is on parts unique to the lay faithful. The offertory song belongs to the faithful -- during this song the priest, assisted by the deacon and servers, prepares the altar and gifts of bread and wine. The "Mystery of Faith" is an acclamation by the lay faithful only.

The Eucharistic Prayer ends with the priest singing or saying "Through him, and with him, and in him ... for ever and ever." Only the people reply "Amen." This is the "great Amen". I leave it for you to find the other 10 times we say Amen, only two of which are spoken by the priest. Amen is an ancient word of assent and commitment. We agree with what has been said, and profess that we plan to change our lives. When the Archangel Gabriel asked if Mary would agree with God's plan for her, she replied "Amen." St. Luke translates this with the words "Let it be done unto me according to your word." She has professed a trust in God's plan, and agreed to do her part. The "Great Amen" and the "Amen" before receiving the Eucharist have exactly the same meaning. God has the plan for Jesus to dwell with us, and even within us. This gift is amazing, and requires a willingness to change any part of our life that does not fit God's ways. When we agree with this, God's Spirit will help us do all kinds of good.

During the homily, the lay faithful sit. Sitting reflects attentive listening. Of course, at the homily we should listen not just to the words spoken by the priest, but also for the quiet voice of God speaking within the heart. When we are really allowing the Mass to be the center of our week, we might hear the rest of the message at any time during the week. Sunday is, of course, the best day for this hearing -- as long as we really dedicate the whole day to God.

Kneeling is a sign of prayer and, or, "adoration" -- the praise that we owe to God and only God. As a sign of both prayer and adoration, the faithful kneel for the Eucharistic Prayer, and during the reception of Communion. We commonly kneel in front of statues as a sign only of prayer. We do not adore statues! In front of the Eucharist we kneel in adoration of Jesus who is present. I suggest that those who cannot kneel should simply sit.

During the blessing at the end of Mass the lay faithful mark themselves with the sign of the cross. In this they receive a blessing from God to empower them for the whole week. Next week we take a look at some gestures that belong only to the priest.

Fr. Jim

This Week in Our Parish

Sat	7/8	2:30 PM	Confession @ <i>Holy Cross</i>
		4 PM	Mass @ <i>Holy Cross</i>
		6 PM	Mass † <i>Bess Moll</i>
Sun	7/9	9 AM	Mass
		10 AM	Blood Drive
			KOC Pancake Breakfast
		11:30 AM	Mass @ <i>Holy Cross</i>

Readings for Week of July 2

Sunday	2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42
Monday	Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 20:24-29
Tuesday	Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26; 2-3, 9-10, 11-12; Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday	Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 8:28-34
Thursday	Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8
Friday	Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5; Mt 9:9-13
Saturday	Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:14-17
Sunday	Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

*Please welcome Msgr.
Christopher Lathem to
St. Luke. We thank him for
celebrating Mass with us while
Father Jim is away.*

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Stewardship Report

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Thank you for your generosity and support!

No weekday Masses at St. Luke and Holy Cross
from July 3 - July 7.

Parish offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4.



Happy Independence Day!

May God continue to
bless America!

Blood Drive: St. Luke will have a blood drive immediately following the 9 AM Mass on Sunday, July 9 until 2 PM. All parishioners 17 years or older are invited to become a blood donor. One pint of your blood can save up to 3 lives. To schedule a donation time please email Aggie King at aggiern@gmail.com or call 855-0168.

Pancake Breakfast: KOC Council 9576 will host a pancake breakfast in conjunction with the blood drive. The breakfast will be held in Annunciation Hall after Mass. All are invited to attend!

Bishop's Annual Appeal: The Bishop's Annual Appeal provides funding for incredible programs and ministries doing critically important work throughout our state. We are invited to place our trust in the Lord by offering our prayers and our gifts. Our financial contribution serves as a sign of gratitude for the blessings that have been bestowed upon us. Please prayerfully consider a pledge to the Appeal. With your support, and through the good works it makes possible, we can continue to be the missionary disciples that our Holy Father, Pope Francis, asks us to be.