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**Mass & Confession Schedule June 2020**

**Masses are by registration only**

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**Confession at Oak St. Church:**
- **Monday** - 5:00 - 7:00 pm
- **Saturday** - 8:00 - 9:00 am & 3:00 - 4:00 pm

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**Parish Locations**

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**Parish Center Hours**

- **Monday - Thursday** - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
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My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May Christ, the cornerstone, guide and strengthen you this week!

When I was in middle school and helped out with religious education (teacher’s aide), the director had a sign on her door. It said, “Be to my virtues very kind, and to my faults a little blind.” Later, my high school senior year English teacher had a saying posted in her classroom: the only antidote to bad ideas, is better ideas. In an age where statues and pictures are being torn down, and even some states’ names are being called into question, I thought both of these quotes to be a good reminder.

It is always easier to tear down than to build up, to advise than to lead, to criticize than to compliment. In contrast was a great man, St. Anthony of the Desert. Not to be confused with St. Anthony of Padua, the patron saint of lost articles, who was himself named after the first Anthony. His biographer, St. Athanasius, tells us that St. Anthony of the Desert “subjected himself in sincerity to the good people whom he visited, and learned thoroughly where each surpassed him in zeal and discipline. He observed the graciousness of one; the unceasing prayer of another; he took knowledge of another’s freedom from anger and another’s loving-kindness; he gave heed to one as he watched, to another as he studied; one he admired for his endurance, another for his fasting and sleeping on the ground; the meekness of one and the long-suffering of another he watched with care, while he took note of the piety towards Christ and the mutual love which animated all.”

Apart from images of our Lord and our Lady, every picture or statue depicts a person with flaws who made mistakes, even big ones. Remember, St. Peter denied knowing our Lord and St. Paul killed St. Stephen for his faith. My own patron saint, John the Evangelist, while young, wanted to kill some people for giving him a dirty look. Nobody’s perfect. We all have pictures of saints and other friends and family in our home. All of those people did good things and bad things. But they’re still a part of our history.

On the next page, we have included a statement from Archbishop Cordileone of San Francisco on the recent vandalism of the statue of St. Junipero Serra in Golden Gate park. Your mission: find a friend, share this statement with your friend, and have an honest discussion about it. Remember, a discussion is an exchange of knowledge; an argument is an exchange of ignorance. Until next week, know that I remain

Yours in the Heart of Christ,
Fr. Evans
On the Destruction of St. Junipero Serra Statue
Healing of Memories and Historical Accuracy
Most Rev. Salvatore J. Cordileone
June 20, 2020

What is happening to our society? A renewed national movement to heal memories and correct the injustices of racism and police brutality in our country has been hijacked by some into a movement of violence, looting and vandalism. The toppling and defacing of statues in Golden Gate Park, including that of St. Junipero Serra, have become the latest example. The memorialization of historic figures merits an honest and fair discussion as to how and to whom such honor should be given. But here, there was no such rational discussion; it was mob rule, a troubling phenomenon that seems to be repeating itself throughout the country.

Everyone who works for justice and equality joins in the outrage of those who have been and continue to be oppressed. It is especially true that followers of Jesus Christ – Christians – are called to work tirelessly for the dignity of all human beings. This is a cornerstone of our faith. Our dear city bears the name of one of history’s most iconic figures of peace and goodwill: St. Francis of Assisi. For the past 800 years, the various Franciscan orders of brothers, sisters and priests that trace their inspiration back to him have been exemplary of not only serving, but identifying with, the poor and downtrodden and giving them their rightful dignity as children of God. St. Junipero Serra is no exception.

St. Serra made heroic sacrifices to protect the indigenous people of California from their Spanish conquerors, especially the soldiers. Even with his infirmed leg which caused him such pain, he walked all the way to Mexico City to obtain special faculties of governance from the Viceroy of Spain in order to discipline the military who were abusing the Indians. And then he walked back to California. And lest there be any doubt, we have a physical reminder to this day: everywhere there is a presidio (soldiers’ barracks) associated with a mission in the chain of 21 missions that he founded, the presidio is miles away from the mission itself and the school. St. Junipero Serra also offered them the best thing he had: the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ, which he and his fellow Franciscan friars did through education, health care, and training in the agrarian arts.

All of this is not to deny that historical wrongs have occurred, even by people of good will, and healing of memories and reparation is much needed. But just as historical wrongs cannot be righted by keeping them hidden, neither can they be righted by re-writing the history. Anger against injustice can be a healthy response when it is that righteous indignation which moves a society forward. But as Christ himself teaches, and St. Francis modeled, love and not rage is the only answer.
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**Mass & Prayer Intentions**

**Monday, June 29: SS. Peter & Paul**  
+Souls of the Faithful Departed  
+Souls of the Faithful Departed

**Tuesday, June 30: The First Martyrs**  
+David Daily  
+Souls of the Faithful Departed

**Wednesday, July 1: St. Junipero Serra**  
+Judy Harding  
+Al Raupp

**Thursday, July 2**  
+Souls of the Faithful Departed  
+Souls of the Faithful Departed

**Friday, July 3: St. Thomas the Apostle**  
+Craig Streit  
+Souls of the Faithful Departed  
Priests of St. Thomas, Special Intention

**Saturday, July 4: Blessed Virgin Mary**  
+Jeffrey Jones  
+Barbara Flynn  
+Joan Robaczewski  
Chester Robaczewski, Special Intention  
+Phil Lattanzio

**Sunday, July 5 - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**Please visit or call the Parish Center to schedule a Mass Intention**

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**Please pray for the sick:**

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**Please pray for the deceased:**

John Greene  
Benigno Alonzo Gonzalez

**If you would like the St. Jude Guild to pray for your loved one, please contact Georgia Kostur at 815-459-5432**

**Weekly Readings: June 22-June 28:**

**Monday:** Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [5b]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19  
**Tuesday:** Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps: 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8 [9a]/Mt 8:23-27  
**Wednesday:** Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17 [23b]/Mt 8:28-34  
**Thursday:** Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10cd]/Mt 9:1-8  
**Friday:** Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 20:24-29  
**Saturday:** Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 9:14-17  
**Next Sunday:** Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 [cf. 1]/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

**Celebrants: June 29 - July 3, 2020**

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**Subject to change once the schedule is finalized!**
Creative Prayer Ideas for Preschoolers  
By: Little Saints Preschool Director Jennifer Gallien

Praying with our preschool aged children is most definitely a great way to teach the beginning concepts and skills of communication within our faith. Many times, we may feel that it can be hard to teach young children exactly the meaning of the traditional prayers in our Catholic Faith. As teachers at Little Saints Preschool, we approach prayer as a wonderful way to speak with a friend. We model for children the principles of gratitude, love, forgiveness and hope. Children are such amazing examples of what pure prayer is. As we know, there are so many ways to pray. Here are some examples of creative ways to initiate prayer with our little ones.

**Prayer Through Art:** Choose a color out of the crayon box and think of something you are grateful for in God’s beautiful world. (example) Thank you for the **Green** grass. It makes my feet feel nice and cozy. Thank you for the **Red** cardinal that eats at our bird feeder each morning. He brings a smile to my face.

**Prayer Through Movement:** Stand up tall together and use your body to pray. Stretch hands up high…Thank you God for the big, beautiful sky. Stretch hands down low…Thank you God for the earth that we walk upon each day. We are so blessed to have a home. Point to family members…. Thank you God for my Mommy, Daddy, sister and brother. I am so blessed to be part of a family that loves me. Open your mouth wide…Thank you God for the food I eat. I especially like apples. Wiggle tiny fingers…Thank you for my hands that pray. I pray for my grandma. The possibilities are endless.

**Family Prayer Walk:** Take a family walk around your neighborhood and take time to notice all of the amazing gifts that God has given us in this world. Point out things such as animals, ponds, leaves, fresh air, sunshine and even bugs. Talk about how important each part of our world is. Remind the children that God gave us all of these things as gifts of love.

**Fill in the Blank Prayer:** This is a super fun way to get children thinking of things they are grateful for. Parent says, “God is Great, God is Good…We are thankful for_________________.” The child fills in the blank with an item that they are grateful for. Then, the child takes a turn to say “God is Great, God is Good…We are thankful for_________________.” Mommy or Daddy takes a turn to fill in the blank. The prayers go on repeating.

We hope you find these examples of creative prayer inspiring as you move along your journey of teaching children to pray with their beautiful hearts. God loves you!
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June 28, 2020 - at all Masses

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Virtual Junior High Hangout

We are continuing JH youth ministry VIRTUALLY!
All junior high students are invited to join us for our JH hangouts, Thursday afternoons via Skype! A link to join the Skype call is sent out 5-10 minutes before each call. If you’d like to join and don’t receive an email aroche@stthomascl.church for the link.

Thursday afternoons
Grades 6-8
Via Skype call
4-5:30PM

Virtual High School Hangout

We are continuing HS Hangout VIRTUALLY!
All high schoolers are invited to join us for our high school hangouts, Tuesday afternoons via Skype! A link to join the Skype call is sent out 5-10 minutes before each call. If you’d like to join and don’t receive an email aroche@stthomascl.church for the link.

Tuesdays
Grades 9-12
Via Skype
3-5PM

Gospel Reflection

Twice a week we get together on Skype to pray with and reflect on the gospel of the day. This is an opportunity to add some structured prayer time in this season of confusion and chaos, as well as keeping a sense of community in the midst of social distancing.
I send out a link for the video chat just minutes before the call, if you don’t receive an email please email aroche@stthomascl.church and I’ll email you the link to join!

Mondays and Wednesdays
Grades 6-12
Via Skype
10am

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St. Thomas is now accepting registrations for the 2020-2021 school year. Class sizes are small, and teachers give personal attention to each individual child’s proficiencies. Every Wednesday begins with the entire school attending Mass. Teachers at St. Thomas are highly qualified and caring.
Kindergarten at St. Thomas not only teaches social, emotional and fine and gross motor skills but includes a full range of academics as included in our entire elementary program: math, language arts, science, social studies, music, art, physical education and technology.

St. Thomas provides an extracurricular athletic program beginning at grade 5 for both boys and girls. Other after school activities include science clubs, photography club, and choir.

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Por experiencia sabemos que dar un regalo siempre implica alguien que lo recibe. Dar y recibir está relacionado, están a la par, al dar se extienden los brazos y al recibir el regalo es lo mismo, implica una acción de movimiento. Cuando Jesús es el centro de nuestra vida, el dar y recibir no se queda ahí, tiene por compromiso principalmente la acción. Al recibir, por ejemplo, la gracia de Dios no es para uno mismo, hay que darla a los que nos rodean. En este Evangelio existe una regla a seguir para comprender el juego de palabras. Hay palabras claves en el mensaje para obtener la respuesta que nos ayude a perseverar en la vida cristiana. Amar, cargar, vivir, recibir, recompensa, dar, discípulo, agua fresca, por mencionar algunas. Sin embargo, ¿Qué es lo que te pide Jesús que hagas? ¿Al cumplirlo cuál es la promesa de Jesús? Cargar con su cruz y seguirlo para ser dignos de él. Recibir a Jesús como centro de nuestra vida implica de inmediato recibir a los que nos rodean. Es decir, en otras palabras, conversión radical, dar agua de vida que lleve a vivir mejor. El Papa Francisco nos da una pauta para reflexionar mejor en las lecturas de este domingo. “Es tanto el amor de Dios, es tan feo el pecado, que Él nos salva así, con esta identidad en la Cruz. No se puede entender a Jesús Redentor sin la Cruz. ¡No se puede entender! Podemos llegar a pensar que es un gran profeta, hace cosas buenas, es un santo, pero el Cristo Redentor sin la cruz no se puede entender”. (Radio Vaticano | Septiembre 26, 2014). ©LPi

28 de Junio de 2020 Evangelio -No es digno de mí el que no toma su cruz para seguirme. El que los recibe a ustedes, a mí me recibe. (Mateo 10:37-42).

Queridos hermanos y hermanas, para poder asistir a misa, por favor, no olviden registrarse con tiempo de anticipación en el website de la Iglesia www.saintthomascatholicchurch.org (ver foto). Los esperamos.

**IMPORTANTE:**
Hermanos, su parroquia los necesita, si desean contribuir a la colecta dominical lo pueden hacer en línea, a través del sitio web de nuestra parroquia: www.saintthomascatholicchurch.org

Así como también pueden utilizar el buzón de correo localizado a la entrada de la oficina parroquial, dejando su contribución en un sobre cerrado con su nombre escrito; de igual manera pueden enviar su contribución por correo a la oficina parroquial con dirección: 272 King St. Crystal Lake, IL. 60014

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