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Lectio Divina The Year of Luke

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The Metaphor of Waiting

All the sayings in this [Sunday's] passage are about *waiting*. This is a difficult metaphor for us today, because in our culture we experience waiting as something negative. "I am waiting" means that I am doing nothing and furthermore that I resent it: "How could you keep me waiting?"

For the Bible, however – and this is good common sense – waiting is a creative moment, or at least can be if we enter freely into it. When I wait for others, I give them the space to be themselves, paying them the respect of letting them exercise their creativity, and I do it not with indifference or grudgingly, but with love, so that we can walk together in solidarity and mutual enrichment...

People sometimes imagine God sitting in heaven and looking down at his creatures. God in the Bible is not like this at all. "My Father goes on working," St John quotes Jesus saying, "and so do I." God is always at work in our lives, in the lives of others and in the world, *and this work is always to break the rod of the oppressor and to set captives free.*

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To wait for God is, then, to say to him that we know he is at work, and we are prepared to let him carry out his loving purpose when and how he pleases. At times, of course, we become impatient, and even panic and cry out, "How long, O Lord!" But at other times, we feel able to make our act of adoration and tell God that we are willing to wait for him.

The moment is also creative for ourselves. When we wait, our latent tendencies to dominate and manipulate come to the surface, so that we are open to experiencing this as a moment of grace – we will go beyond these evil tendencies and enter that deep inner space where we are in trusting communion with God and with one another; free in ourselves and allowing others to be free.

As you read this passage, then, and enter into the various sayings, remember waiting experiences that were moments of grace for you or for others. The times when you were able to wait for a child or a friend, and, at some unexpected moment, they opened up to you and you entered into a new and deeper relationship with them. Perhaps you struggled for years with drinking or drugs or an unhealthy relationship; you went through agony, unable to make up your mind about moving into a new life-style; and then one day the way became perfectly clear and easy; reading this passage today, you realize what it means to wait for God's moment. Be with people you know who are tired of waiting; read the passage in solidarity with them, letting the message flow through you so that it touches them and renews their courage.

Waiting is important in our relationship with a community too, a church community or any other. So often we try to manipulate a community rather than letting it grow organically according to its own dynamic. As you read this passage, remember great leaders you have known who have trusted the community, knew how to wait for it, according to the saying that everything happens in its own time; and so, when the moment came, the growth was solid, "the seed grew tall and strong," as Jesus expressed it in the Parable of the Sower.

This teaching on waiting is tremendously important today, when influencing people has become a skill that can be acquired like any other; when people boast openly that given sufficient money, they can make the public buy anything, not excluding a President or Prime Minister at election time. In this cultural context, we Christians will be tempted to think that grace can also be manipulated in this way, and that if only we could buy more time on television, or if our religious magazines were more glossy, or if we could work more sensational miracles, people would be converted. These sayings remind us that the laws of spiritual growth are different, and we remember with gratitude that in this area earthly power achieves little, but there is real power in trust, care and compassion – all that is implied in waiting.

Our age needs this teaching for another reason too. The Church communities of the New Testament time had little social or political influence. We tend to forget this, because the Roman Emperor became a Christian and, before long, Christianity became the official religion of the State. In the early years, however, there was no prospect whatsoever that this would ever happen. We can see why, in such a context, there was so much emphasis on a self-confident faith which would enable Christians to look calmly at the great Roman Empire and still believe that the values of Jesus Christ would triumph in the end.



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY INTO HEAVEN

“On November 1, 1950, Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: ‘We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory.’ The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity... What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.

“We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the sixth century. In following centuries the Eastern Churches held steadily to the doctrine, but some authors in the West were hesitant. However, by the 13th century there was universal agreement. The feast was celebrated under various names (Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption) from at least the fifth or sixth century. Today it is celebrated as a solemnity.

[I]n 1 Corinthians 15:20 Paul speaks of Christ's resurrection as the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to belief in Mary's share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven.”

(From www.americancatholic.org)

The Solemnity of the Assumption, August 15th, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at Holy Faith at 7am & 9:30am and 7pm.

From the Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Mass of the Assumption:

Almighty ever-living God,
who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the Mother of your Son,
body and soul into heavenly glory,
grant, we pray,
that, always attentive to the things that are above,
we may merit to be sharers of her glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

KIDS, YOUTH & FAMILY

✓ Sunday School REGISTRATION

CCF SUNDAY SCHOOL
BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY
AUGUST 18 after the 9:30am
Mass (10:40am)

in the Parish Life Learning Center
Classes are for Grades Kinder thru 9th Grade

The first session for **Confirmation Preparation** is Sunday,
September 8th at 10:40am in the Parish Life Center Section C
This is an **orientation class for Students and Parents.**

REGISTER TODAY!

Online: holylaithcatholicchurch.org or complete and turn in
paper registration found in the vestibule or office.
Look for an email this week for drop off & pick up details.



FOR THE TEENS
HOLY FAITH CATHOLIC

Sunday Funday

CYM KICKOFF EVENT
AUGUST 18
4pm in the Youth Rm

ATTENTION PARENTS OF CCF CHILDREN (Grades Kinder-9th)

At the request of our Director of Religious Education of Children,
Sr. Adell, **parents are invited** and encouraged to attend an
all-parent meeting on **Sunday, AUGUST 25**, during CCF class time
(10:45 AM) in the Parish Life Center. At this meeting Sr. Adell will
review with the parents the Parent/Student Handbook for (CCF)
Children's Catechetical Formation of Holy Faith Parish (2019-2020).
Please mark your calendars and join us for this important update.



CDF
(Coffee, Donuts, Faith)

Parents & All Adults! We're back!

Sessions for "Coffee, Donuts, & Faith" (CDF) will begin on **Sunday, September 8 at 10:45am** in the *Parish Life Center*, and will continue every Sunday when there is CCF. All Parents as well as any Adult in the Parish are invited to explore the richness of our Catholic Faith in all its dimensions.

While children learn... so will the grown ups!

We will explore topics on *Scripture, Theological reflection, Social and Moral issues, Church history and understanding, Sacraments, Prayer...* and many other topics that will enrich our faith journey and will equip us to be better disciples and witnesses of the faith.

In an informal atmosphere of fellowship we will have discussions, video & live presentations, sharing, and lots of opportunities for questions and answers as well as some fun!

Some exciting topics for this year: *Does God exist? How to make Mass "relevant"? What do we do about the Virgin Mary? How do I pray in the midst of stress and chaos? How do I make ethical decisions according to my faith? Why & how has the Church changed? How to read the Bible...and many, many, many more!*

Bring Your Questions & Ideas...

**Every Sunday of CCF
parent/adults gather
to grow in faith.
Coffee & Donuts in
the PLC beginning
Sept 8: 10:45am**

CALENDAR & EVENTS FOR THE PARISH

Monday, August 12, 2019

- R.C.I.A Liturgy of the Word Service (6:05PM): Chapel
- R.C.I.A. Breaking Open the Word and Study of the Catholic Faith (6:20PM): Fr. John's Office

Tuesday, August 13

- HoFa Crafts Ministry Group (10:00 AM): Conference Rm 2
- Angels of Mercy Core Team Mtg (6:30 PM): Mtg Room 5
- Band of Brothers Men's Group (7:00 PM): Conference Rm 2

Wednesday, August 14

- Novena: Our Lady of Perpetual Help (10:01 AM): Chapel
- Cursillo Small Grouping - (6:00 PM): Men (Mtg Rm 9) Women (Mtg Rm 8)

Thursday, August 15

- **The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation):** Mass Times: 7:00am; 9:30am and 7:00pm

Friday, August 16

- **Bulletin Deadline for September 1, 2019** Send email with details to: bulletin@holyfaithchurch.org
- NO Scheduled Meetings

Saturday, August 17

- Cursillo School of Leaders (9:00 AM): Mtg Rooms 7,8,9
- CCF Teacher Workshop (10:00 AM): Parish Life Center C
- Catholics on the Move Committee Meeting (3:00 PM): Mtg Room 9
- Reconciliation (3:30 PM): Church

Sunday, August 18

- See our Mass Schedule on page 6
- **First Day of CCF Classes (Grades Kinder thru 9th (10:40 AM):** Parish Life Learning Center
- **Baptism at 11:15am Mass - Smith (11:15 AM):** Church
- **25th Wedding Anniversary Blessing Celebration - Childress (12:30 PM):** Church
- **CYM SUNDAY FUNDAY KICK-OFF EVENT (4:00 PM):** Parish Life Center C/Youth Rm (see page 4)

SAFE HAVEN SUNDAY AUGUST 18, 2019

Safe Haven Sunday: Equipping the Family, Safeguarding Children.

The family home is to be a safe haven. But the inappropriate use of technology in the home deprives it of this role, and is the greatest threat to the sanctity of marriages and families today. Pornography and other online threats are often one click away, and parents can feel overwhelmed with not knowing how to best protect their children in our fast-paced digital world.

Next weekend, **August 17 and 18**, Holy Faith Church is taking a bold step to help families by celebrating Safe Haven Sunday. This awareness day will provide access to practical resources that any caring adult can use to protect themselves and our young people from online risks.

Please join us with your prayers and presence as we prepare for this unique event.

To learn more, please contact Deacon Michael Demers at dcn.michael@holyfaithchurch.org.

SATURDAY MATINEE for Holy Faith Families & Friends AUGUST 31, 2019 - 1:00pm



Join us for this FREE showing of the movie **"Breakthrough"**, based on a true story of faith, starring Chrissy Metz, who grew up in Gainesville. Check our E-news for the trailer and more info coming soon ... Rated PG

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Please advise the church office if you or a loved one are in the hospital or in need of a priest. If after hours and an emergency call: 352-491-5146.



The Holy Rosary is prayed every Weekday at 9:00am and at 10:00am

and on Saturday at 9:30am in the Chapel. All are invited to come and pray with us this beautiful devotion to our Blessed Mother.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, August 12, 2019

7:00am Spiritual Bouquet for John & Martha Woeste 63 Wedding Anniversary

9:30am Salvatore LoBiondo, Santa & Salvatore Purpura, RIP, by Rose LoBiondo Family

TUESDAY, August 13

7:00am Marilyn Carruthers, RIP, by Mary Ann Ross

9:30am Anita Field, RIP, by Faye & Scott Medley

WEDNESDAY, August 14

7:00am Julia Lawrence, RIP, by Lisa Allen

9:30am John McNeill, RIP, by Barbara McNeill

THURSDAY, August 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass Times:

7:00am; 9:30am and 7:00pm

FRIDAY, August 16

7:00am Phyllis Twigg, RIP, by Beachy Family

9:30am Maria Sylvia Garcia Cruz, RIP, by William & Alicia Pacheco

SATURDAY, August 17

9:00am Patrick Doyle, RIP, by Kathleen & Michael Perri

INTERCESSIONS FOR LIFE

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, may human life be protected and cherished, from conception to natural death.

We pray to the Lord ...

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of August 11, 2019

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary

Time: Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or Heb 11:1-2, 8-12; Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40

Monday: Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary

Time: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

MASS SCHEDULE

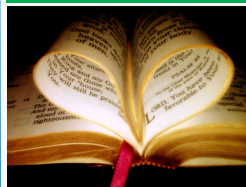
Saturday Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 8am, 9:30am, 11:15am & 6:00pm

**Monday - Friday:
7:00am & 9:30am
Saturday 9:00am**

**Reconciliation:
Saturday 9:30am &
from 3:30-4:30pm
or by appointment**

BIBLE STUDY



Come & Study with Marijka. A close Reading of the

The Joseph Story in the Book of Genesis

Meetings are held every Tuesday beginning **August 27th** at 7:00pm in the Family Life Center, Mtg. Rm 9

All are cordially welcome! (Bring your Bible)

For more information please contact Marijka marijka1@att.net or 352-378-7355

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



Lord, hear our prayers for the sick of our parish and for all those in need of our prayers. We

pray especially for: Fr. Emmanuel, Alice C, Alvaro S, Angela R, Anita D, Annette R, Barbara M, Barbara R, Bebe & Julieta, Bella, Ben F, Beverly B, Beverly F, Beverly T, Bill, Bill J, Brian I, Carisma, Carmen R, Charles K, Charlie A, Charlotte W, Chovine V, Dan & Beth T, David B, Daycee, Delia A, Dennis Paul C, Doris R, Eckhard S, Elizabeth D, Elizabeth G, Baby Emma, Baby Ethan, Francis O, Frank V, Fred M, Gene T, Ginger, Glen L, Greg H, Harriet, Helen H, Hilda, Hope, Jack C, Jacqueline, Janet S, Janette B, Jaylina & Family, Jerry McM, Jessica D, Jim H, Joan P, Joanna W, John A, John K, Joe R, Joseph C, Josephine L, Juan Carlos D, June B, Justin H, Katie W, Kathy D, Kathy J, Kim M, Kip, Leonor S, Lina T, Linne A, Lissa C, Louis S, Luis D, Manuel A, Margy G, Maria G, Mark B, Marlon F, Mary M, Mary N, Marty S, Meg G, Michael R, Michael T, Mike B, Milagros, Millie, Milly L, Nancy L, Nell A, Nina B, Omar, Patricia M, Patty O, Paul B, Paul C, Paul G, Paula A, Peggy W, Preston, Rebecca R, Richard S, Robert E. Rosalia, Rose, Rosezell H, Sandy O, Sarah W, Shelby H, Shirley T, Sriwivasan G, Steve R, Steven B, Sue M, Sue W, Susan S, Tim A, Tom F, Tom K, Tomasa M, Trish P, Vanessa H, Velma T, Veronica H, Walter N, William P, & Wilson P. To add or remove a name from the prayer list, please call the office or send an email to: bulletin@holyfaithchurch.org.

NOTICE: In a few months our prayer list will be published on our website only. There will be an online form available to place your request for any name to be on the list, or you can call the office to add a name. Offline list will be made available as well. As always, we will continue to pray for the sick in our parish and beyond, including friends and relatives, and for those who need prayer for any reason.

Thank You to All for your Support of Our Parish of Holy Faith.

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| Parish Giving Report | July 21, 2019 |
| Offertory | \$14,047.46 |
| Estimated July Online Offertory | 3,000.00 |
| Total Offertory | <u>\$17,047.46</u> |
| EXTRA DONATIONS | |
| Kid's Treasure | 30.50 |
| Outreach for those in Need & the Poor | 380.00 |
| St. Patrick's School | 178.00 |
| Black & Native American Missionaries | 25.00 |
| Latin American Missionaries | <u>15.00</u> |
| TOTAL EXTRA DONATIONS | <u><u>\$628.50</u></u> |

ALL PARISH PRESENTATION

Don't miss Fr. Hugh Gillespie
*Talk on Our Blessed Mother
 and Marian Consecration*
August 20 6pm in the Church.



Spiritual Revival Fellowship

Mark your calendar and don't miss the Spiritual Revival Fellowship Event with Fr. Xavier from India, coming to Holy Faith: September 28 & 29 inside the Church. Pick up a Flyer after Mass for details.



Migrant Ministry Back-to School Outreach Project

Holy Faith parishioners have always generously supported the Migrant Student Backpack Program. Please help the students in our area served by MIGRANT EDUCATION as they begin their new school year with confidence and pride by buying and filling a backpack with school supplies. Backpacks are needed for students from Pre-K through High School age. See the poster in the vestibule for suggestions.

**RETURN FILLED BACKPACKS OR UPPLIES
 TO THE BOX IN THE VESTIBULE BY
 NEXT SUNDAY AUGUST 18.**

Thank you for your love & support for these children and families.