



Love God, Love Others, Make Disciples of Jesus Christ
OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC PARISH
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Changing Mass Times: Toward a Focus on Faith

For the last four years the Pastoral Council and staff have been discussing how to make Sundays more engaging, welcoming, and evangelizing. The goal is to make the Lord's Day a Big Day for faith as we respond to our mission: *Love God • Love Others • Make Disciples of Jesus Christ*. Many other parishes across the country have found that holding adult catechesis sessions on Sunday makes a huge difference in making the Sabbath more significant for people. The more Catholics know about their faith, the more they love it, and the more they promote it to their families and others (evangelization).

Focus on Faith (our name for the new adult catechesis program) is a focus not just on *what* we believe, but also on *how* we live as disciples of Jesus Christ. We know that the first disciples "*devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of the bread, and the prayers*" (Acts 2:42). Focus on Faith would allow opportunities for Bible study, small group fellowship, presentations, and other seasonal activities and topics. Since children's catechesis (Life Kids and now, EDGE – Middle School Ministry) is on Sunday mornings, a full hour would allow us to offer some multi-generational and family opportunities.

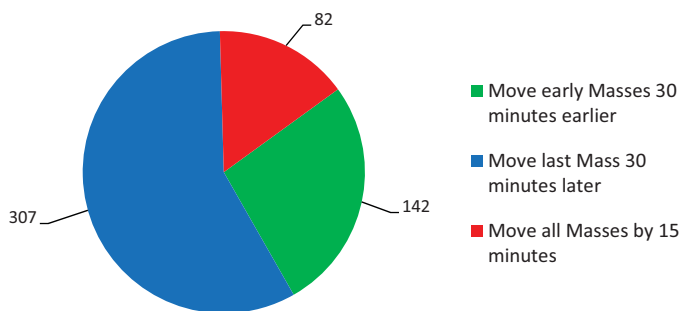
To move toward **Focus on Faith** we need a full hour on Sunday between Masses. Week nights are already too busy with family activities, school programs, and sports. Elderly adults are less likely to attend sessions at night. The value of that full hour is increased when children are at Life Kids and we can offer topics for parents, school parents and *all*

parishioners on matters that deepen our practice of the faith.

Adjusting Mass Times Decision

In order to create that hour on Sunday mornings for **Focus on Faith** we needed to adjust the Sunday morning Mass times. Over the last few months we had proposed three different Sunday Mass schedules to the staff, the Pastoral Council, and the Liturgy Committee: Move the 7:30 and 9:00 AM Masses earlier; adjust all Masses by fifteen minutes; or change the 11:00 to 11:30 AM. Their response was inconclusive with good reasons offered for each option.

At the weekend Masses on June 17 and 18, we asked the entire parish to vote on which option was the best for their household. The response was a very clear majority to shift just one Mass time, namely, the 11:00 to 11:30. (*See the chart below with voting results*). I still took that information back to the Pastoral Council and asked their input one more time. They



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WEEKDAY SERVICES

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
 Mass 6:30 AM, 8:15 AM
 Monday, Friday
 Communion Service 6:30 AM, Mass 8:15 AM
 Saturday, Mass 8:15 AM
 Recitation of the Rosary Monday-Saturday
 after Morning Liturgies

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM,
 Sunday Morning 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM,
 Life Teen Mass 5:00 PM

LOCATED AT

790 A Avenue
 Lake Oswego, OR 97034

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM or by Appointment

ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST

First Friday of the Month
 8:45 AM to 12:00 PM in the Church

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First Annual Adults and Kids Baking Competition!

Sunday, September 10, 2017



We have some very talented home bakers in our parish community and want to give you an opportunity to show off your skills and creativity. Bring your best desserts to the Summer's End Festival and our judges will decide who presents the most divine treats!



Guidelines for the Baking Competition can be found on at : www.ollparish.com/summers-end-festival.

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advised me to go with the shift of the one Mass time to accept the majority parishioner vote. The Pastoral Council's vote wasn't unanimous, but a clear majority of the members went with the majority parishioner vote. Therefore, after all that consultation, I made the decision that we will move the 11:00 AM Mass to 11:30 AM beginning Sunday, September 17. **Focus on Faith** will be from 10:20 until 11:20 each Sunday starting that weekend as well.

Let me assure you that this decision was not made lightly. I knew that no matter what we decided it would cause disruption for a number of people. As pastor, I believe that this hour of catechesis will allow us to further our Parish Mission and to grow in our Catholic Faith.

The Fall Schedule and Child Care

The Faith Formation staff members are developing a full schedule of sessions, events and topics for the fall and will announce that as soon as presenters, locations and times can be confirmed. We also know that offering child care during that **Focus on Faith** and potentially during the morning Mass times will allow parents greater flexibility to attend. We have begun to look into those options and will apprise you of developments.

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Your Brother in Christ
- Fr. John Kerns

GIVE BLOOD

Red Cross Summer Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will be on our campus again with their American Red Cross Bus on Sunday, August 6, 2017, from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. You can donate blood either before or after the Mass you will be attending.

Blood donations are by appointment.

To schedule an appointment, or for more information call **1-800-RED-CROSS (800-733-2767)** or visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor code: **LakeO**.

After scheduling your appointment, we recommend you utilize the new American Red Cross tool, **RapidPass®** for the best donation experience. With RapidPass you will be able help save lives in less time.

RapidPass allows you to complete your pre-reading and donation questions online from the comfort of your home or office. When you come to donate, you just present a printed or electronic copy of the completed form, reducing the time you spend at the blood drive by as much as 15 minutes. To utilize RapidPass, go to www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass.