

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 31, 2011

Light of Christ Catholic Church

2176 Marilyn Street, Clearwater, Florida 33765

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Office Hours:

Monday- Thursday

9:00 am-4:00 pm

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MASSES:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 8:00am,

9:30am, 11:30 am , 5:00pm

Daily Mass

Monday-Saturday - 8:30am

Holy Day Mass Schedule:

Consult bulletin

Sacrament of Penance - Saturday: 3:00-3:50 pm and by appointment.

Monday-Friday: Immediately following the 8:30 am Mass.

Sacrament of Baptism -Second Sunday of the Month. Call (727) 442-7081

Sacrament of Marriage - Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Call (727) 441-4545

Sacrament of the Sick - Anointing of the gravely ill and need for a priest at any time. Call (727) 441-4545

First Saturday: Holy Hour with Exposition and Adoration of Blessed Sacrament after 8:30 am Mass and 3rd Friday of the month from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Novena: Devotion to Our Blessed Mother: Wednesday following 8:30 am Mass

Faith Formation - PreK-Grade 5
(727) 442-7081

Youth Ministry - Grade 6-8 & High School
(727) 442-3418

Early Childhood Center
(727) 442-4797

St. Cecelia Interparochial School
(727) 461-1200 www.st-cecelia.org

Clearwater Central Catholic High School
(727) 531-1449 www.ccchs.org

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*Give them some food
yourselves*

Light of Christ Catholic Church is a full stewardship faith community centered in Jesus Christ. The mission of the parish is to use God-given time, talent, and treasure to bring all people to a knowledge, love, and service to God. We warmly welcome all new parishioners and visitors to our Light of Christ parish community.

Monday, August 1st - St. Alphonsus Liguori

8:30 am † Leroy Chilcote

**Tuesday, August 2nd -St. Eusebius of Vercelli;
St. Peter Julian Eymard**

8:30 am † Robert Donovan

Wednesday, August 3rd

8:30 am † Dec'd. Members of the
Hanicek/Stana Families

Thursday, August 4th - St. John Mary Vianney

8:30 am † Michael Novarra

**Friday, August 5th - Dedication of the Basilica
of St. Mary Major in Rome**

8:30 am † Dec'd. Members of the CMA

**Saturday, August 6th - The Transfiguration of
the Lord**

8:30 am † Charles Santa Maria, Sr.
4:00 pm † Dec'd. Members of the Andidero/
Romano Family

Sunday, Aug. 7th-19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am † Dec'd. Members of the Saul Family
9:30 am † John Battista
11:30 am † Rogny Rodriguez
5:00 pm People of Light of Christ



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:22-36
Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35;
Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Nm 20:1-13; Mt 16:13-23
Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9
Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85; Rom 9:1-5;
Mt 14:22-33

Pray for ...



"Lord, keep our servicemen and women safe, whether they serve at home or overseas. Hold them in your loving hands and protect them as they protect us."



Would you like to remember a loved one by offering the altar wine, hosts or flowers in their loving memory? The altar wine, hosts and flowers may be donated on a weekly basis. For more info, call the rectory at 441-4545.



The Sacrament of the Sick—Anyone who is entering the hospital for a serious operation or medical condition, is invited to receive the Sacrament of the Sick during the 8:30 a.m. Saturday Mass. Please call the week before, 441-4545, and leave your name and phone number.



The LOC Healthcare Ministry nurses will be hosting their Monthly Blood Pressure Screening next **Sunday, on August 7th from 9AM to 11AM** in the Parish Hall, Room 7. We hope to see you there

August is National Immunization Awareness Month. This is the month to update your child's immunization schedule with his/her pediatrician, prior to return to school. Did you know that all adults should have a Tetanus Booster every 10 years? That all people over age 65 should have a one time Pneumonia shot? That a vaccine to prevent Shingles is available to Seniors? Get more information at: <http://1.usa.gov/mHq6fu>.

Please remember the **dangers of overexposure to the sun.** All children, babies, and ladies with sparse hair, as well as men with thin hair should all use a spray-on-sunscreen on their scalps, as well as some type of hat or cap. Use a sunscreen of 15 or higher. Avoid the sun if possible between 10AM and 4PM. The skin is **ONE organ**, so please check skin in **all** areas for moles, even areas that are never exposed to the sun. Get more information at: <http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/skin/>



Coffee & donuts are available in Msgr. Allman Hall after the 8:00a.m and 9:30a.m Masses on Sunday.



OUR DEEPEST NEEDS

The word of God serves up a tremendous feast for us today. Isaiah beckons all who hunger and thirst to come to the Lord for satisfaction. The psalmist cries out, "The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs" (Psalm 145:16). Saint Paul tells us that nothing can separate us from the love of God. Finally, in the Gospel, we hear the story of the miraculous feeding of over five thousand people from a mere five loaves and two fish. Most of us have our material needs met on a day-to-day basis. These scriptures, nevertheless, have much to say to the contemporary believer. We must ask ourselves, "Where are my deepest hungers? Where are my thirsts?" After material

needs are satisfied and, in some cases, over-satisfied, many people still experience a deep longing for spiritual balance and well-being. As the loaves and fish are multiplied in today's Gospel, perhaps our prayer can be a longing for the satisfaction of the deepest needs that only God can fill.

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All you who are thirsty,
come to the water!

— Isaiah 55:1a

Spiritual Enrichment Opportunities

- ◆ **Daily Mass** - Monday through Saturday— 8:30 a.m.
- ◆ **First Saturday of the Month – August 6th** - Holy Hour with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.
- ◆ **Eucharistic Adoration** will be **Friday, August 19th**, from 7 to 10 p.m. At 9:30 p.m., we will have Night Prayer of the Church with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Please sign up on the sheets at the back of the church indicating the times you will be coming.
- ◆ **Centering Prayer** meets every Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. (No meeting if Monday falls on a holiday.)
- ◆ **Pre-Baptism Preparation** – Parents having a child baptized are required to attend a Pre-Baptism class. The class is held monthly. Baptisms are on the second Sunday of each month. For dates of the classes and for other information, please call 442-7081.
- ◆ **Divine Will Prayer Group** meets every Thursday at 7:00pm in MAH 4. Join us in reflecting on the Passion of Christ as published by St. Hannibal Di Francia.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All you who thirst, come to the water! You without money, come to the feast! (Isaiah 55:1-3).

Psalm — The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ (Romans 8:35, 37-39).

Gospel — All ate until satisfied; they collected twelve baskets of what was left over (Matthew 14:13-21).

Welcome our New Music Director



Paul Dixon, our **new organist and music director**, is a Florida native and comes to Light of Christ from St. Paul's Catholic Church in St. Petersburg. Paul is the organ instructor for St. Petersburg College as well as the artistic director for the Heissler Organ Concert Series, held annually at the Gibbs campus of SPC. He is married to Susan, who has been his friend and partner throughout life since they were six years old. Paul has been involved with church music for over thirty years, and eagerly anticipates the many opportunities to make new friends and colleagues amongst the parishioners of Light of Christ.

Next Sunday, our **Second Collection** will be for our **Capital Improvements**. We thank all those who have continued to contribute for these improvements. Your generosity continues to be a blessing to our parish and we are most grateful.

PARISH COMMUNITY

Weekly calendar of Events



Are you a registered parishioner? Many people attend Mass at this parish but have never registered. Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and a commitment to the life of the parish family. Being a registered parishioner makes things much easier when it is time for infant baptism, school registration, weddings, when asked to be a baptismal or confirmation sponsor, and even funerals. **Please consider registering at our New Member Orientation on Sunday, August 14th, from 9:15 to 10 a.m. in Msgr. Allman Hall rooms 5 & 6.** A continental breakfast will be served. Please RSVP to the office at 441-4545.

DAY	TIME	EVENT	PLACE
MON 1	8:30 am	Mass	Church
	10:00 am	Holy Family Circle	MAH
	7:00 pm	Centering Prayer	Church
TUE 2	8:30 am	Mass	Church
	9:00 am	CCW Workshop	MAH
	7:00 pm	Family Music Choir	Church
WED 3	8:30am	Mass	Church
	7:00 pm	Bingo	MAH
THUR 4	8:30 am	Mass	Church
	7:00 pm	Divine Will Prayer Group	MAH
FRI 5	8:30 am	Mass	Church
SAT 6	8:30 am	Mass	Church
	9:00 am	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
SUN 7	8:00am, 9:30am,	Mass	Church
	11:30 am, 5:00pm	Mass	Church
	8:00 am –11am	Coffee & Donuts	MAH
	9am-11am	Health Ministry	MAH
	6:30 pm	LifeNight	YR

FEAST OF FAITH

The Preface: Thanksgiving

The preface of the Mass has been called “a poem, the cry of joy and recognition, the song of the world discovering its salvation . . . the certitude of faith making hope spring forth” (Philippe Béguerie, quoted in *The Mass*, Lucien Deiss, The Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN, 1992, p. 70). The preface takes up the last words of the dialogue, and expresses briefly and simply why we are grateful, why it is right and just to give thanks and praise to God. On feast days, the preface sings of the specific mystery or saint we celebrate; in Ordinary Time, the Sunday and weekday prefaces express our gratitude for God’s gift of the Son, Jesus Christ, in whom we have redemption and newness of life. The prefaces offer a succinct account of what God has done for us in Christ; they express the mystery of faith, always relating it to us, to our lives. “By his birth we are reborn,” we hear in Preface IV for Sundays in Ordinary Time. “By his suffering we are freed from sin. By his rising from the dead we rise to everlasting life.” Yes, we have cause to give God thanks and praise.

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CATHOLIC RESOURCE CENTER

Visit Room 8 of the Parish Hall for Catholic books, and gifts for all ages are now available.

Tuesday- Thursday: 9:00 - 11:00am

Saturday: 9:00 - 11:00am - and 3:30 - 5:30pm

Sunday: 9:00 - 1:00 PM



Please remember to send the office your change of address if you move or will be away for several months. Thank you.



If you are **traveling** and looking for a **Catholic church** you may go to www.masstimes.org or call 1-305-598-1145 or visit www.catholicweb.com



Scripture and the Mass



It is clear that Sacred Scripture has a revered and important place in the eucharistic Liturgy. Every Mass includes a Liturgy of the Word. The main elements of the Liturgy of the Word are biblical readings and the singing of a psalm. The Liturgy of the Word reaches its high point in the proclamation of the Gospel.

However, the use of Scripture in the Mass does not end when the Liturgy of the Word has finished. In fact, the words of Scripture flow throughout the prayers of the Mass. One of the goals of the new translation of the *Missal* was to make clearer the links between the prayers of the Mass and the text of Scripture. Some of the most noticeable changes reflect the words of the Bible more clearly. Let's take a look at some of these changes.

A BIBLICAL GREETING

At several points in the Mass, the priest or deacon and the people engage in the following dialogue:

Priest or Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit. (*The Order of Mass*, 2)

The first words come from a greeting of Boaz, the great-grandfather of King David: "Boaz . . . said to the harvesters, 'The Lord be with you!' and they replied, 'The Lord bless you!'" (Ru 2:4). The people's response reflects the language of St. Paul. In Galatians, he says, "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen" (Gal 6:18); the Second Letter to Timothy closes with a similar wish: "The Lord be with your spirit" (2 Tm 4:22). The Letter to the Philippians ends with "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit" (Phil 4:23).

The new language, though a bit unfamiliar to our ears, more directly reflects the biblical understanding that, through Baptism, the Spirit of God dwells in us and unites us as one Body in Christ.

WELCOMING THE LORD

Immediately before coming forward to receive the Lord in Holy Communion, we welcome the Lord:

Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed. (*The Order of Mass*, 132)

This prayer quotes the words of the centurion who asked Jesus to cure his servant. He would not presume to ask Jesus to come to his home. He trusted in the authority of Jesus' healing word, saying: "Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof; only say the word and my servant will be healed" (Mt 8:8; see Lk 7:6-7). This new phrasing reminds us that, in receiving Holy Communion, we are to emulate the centurion's humility and faith.

FOR THE MANY

One of the most notable changes will come in the words that the priest speaks in consecrating the wine as the Blood of Christ:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it:
for this is the chalice of my Blood,
the Blood of the new and eternal covenant,
which will be poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins. (*The Order of Mass*, 90)

The newly translated text more closely reflects the scriptural accounts of the Last Supper: "Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins'" (Mt 26:27-28). Much attention has focused on a single change in this text: from "for all" to "for many." This change is unique to the English language. Other languages, including Spanish, French, and German, have already been using language that more closely reflects Jesus' words at the Last Supper.

This new text does not mean that God's love is limited or that only some may be saved. Rather, it reflects the fact that human beings may choose to accept the grace of salvation and live their lives in the light of this grace.

DEEPER UNDERSTANDING

If we recognize the biblical references that underlie the liturgical texts, we will have a fuller understanding of their meaning. For example, Eucharistic Prayer I includes the following passage:

Be pleased to look upon these offerings
with a serene and kindly countenance,
and to accept them,
as you were pleased to accept
the gifts of your servant Abel the just,
the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith,
and the offering of your high priest Melchizedek,
a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim. (*The Order of Mass*, 93)

If we do not know who Abel (Gn 4:4) and Melchizedek (Gn 14:18-20) are and if we do not understand the importance of Abraham's sacrifice (Gn 15:7-21; 22:1-14), we will not fully appreciate the concept of sacrifice and how our celebration of the eucharistic sacrifice ties us to our ancestors in the faith, from the very beginning.

THE WORD OF GOD IN SCRIPTURE AND THE EUCHARIST

Translating the liturgical texts with a close eye to their correspondence with the texts of Scripture can help us to develop a greater appreciation of the close links between the prayers of the Mass and Sacred Scripture. These close links can help draw us more deeply into the theological meaning of the texts.

For example, before the Communion Rite, the priest breaks the Host and shows it to the people, saying:

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
(*The Order of Mass*, 132)

The first part of this prayer echoes the words of John the Baptist, heralding the coming of the Christ: "The next day he [John] saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world'" (Jn 1:29). In the same way, we who are united in the Body of Christ in the Sacrament of Baptism and strengthened in the Eucharist are called to point others to Jesus through our words and actions.

The second part of this prayer reflects the words of the Book of Revelation: "Then the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who have been called to the wedding feast of the Lamb'" (Rev 19:9). In this prayer, we are not rejoicing that we may receive the Eucharist. Instead, we rejoice for those who have been found worthy to share in the heavenly Liturgy, the supper of the Lamb, and we pray that one day, we may join them in the everlasting life of the Kingdom of God.

CONCLUSION

By delving more deeply into the scriptural background of the Mass, we come to know more closely Jesus, the Word of God made flesh, whose Paschal Mystery we celebrate.

REFERENCE

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Altar Server Training

The next **Altar Server training** will begin on **September 7th, at 6:00pm, in the Church**. The training is six weeks in duration. The criteria includes the following: 1. Boy or Girl 2. Received First Holy Communion, and First Penance 3. Must be 10 yrs on/before November 1. For further information, please call Amy McMahon @ 733-4585.



Light of Christ Early Childhood Center is now registering children ages 2 to 5 years of age for the 2011-2012 school year. Full and half day programs are available. Also available is the state's **free Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK)** for children that turn four years old on or before September 1, 2011. For more information please call 442-4797.

Lighthouse CD of the Week

How to Keep Your Kids Catholic - Ken Hensley

In a heartfelt and truly practical presentation, former Baptist minister Ken Hensley reveals effective strategies to help keep our kids within the fold of the Catholic Church. Drawing on personal experience and centuries of Catholic spiritual wisdom, he shares timeless, real-world advice we can readily use. His insights set us on the road to more effective and successful parenting. Your donation of \$3 or more per CD enables us to continue to offer great titles. Donations can be deposited into the kiosk donation boxes located in the Church or MAH outside the Resource Center. Checks should be made payable to Light of Christ.

Catholic Charities Kinship Program

Help the children in our community go back to school. The Catholic Charities Kinship Program is asking for your help in donating the following items: backpacks, folders, crayons, notebooks, glue, pencils, pens, 3 ring binders, clothes (khaki, navy blue pants, white polo shirts), shoes. Please place donations in the box located inside of the church. Please contact Diana Oliveira for more information (727) 422-1808.

Council of Catholic Women

St Petersburg Council of Catholic Women is holding a **Comprehensive Workshop for all Catholic women** (18 and older) in the Diocese. It will be held at Espiritu Santo Parish, Safety Harbor. **August 20, 2011** - 8:45am Breakfast, 9:15 am Opening Session. until 3:30 pm. \$5.00 includes Continental Breakfast, Lunch and materials. For more information contact Affiliation President Peggy Copa at 727-797-7088 or email: peggycopa@aol.com or Lynn Erickson. St Petersburg DCCW President - 813-831-3462 or email: lynns.account@verizon.net. Our Web address: www.spdccw.catholicweb.com

URGENT NEED FOR USHERS

There is currently an urgent need for ushers for the 9:30 am Sunday Mass. If you have ever entertained the thought of becoming an usher, now is the time to act. The time required of an usher is that needed for an assigned Mass weekly and as needed at special liturgical seasons such as Easter and Christmas. Ushers meet as a group twice a year, duration of meetings less than one hour. Next time you attend Mass speak with one of the ushers and find out, first hand, what the duties of an usher are. Please give it a try! Remember men and women are welcomed. If you have an interest or want more information, call Ray Cormier at 443-5997.



Parish Offertory

07/24/2011
Week \$ 14,658.32
YTD \$ 54,802.40

07/26/2010
Week \$ 14,857.79
YTD \$ 54,365.28

Summary of 2011 APA

Parish Assessment: \$ 203,370.00
Balance due: \$ 131,283.00
of Households contributing : 398
Participation 23%

Our sincere thanks to all those who have supported the Annual Pastoral Appeal



JOIN LIGHT OF CHRIST CHURCH - On Board the EMERALD PRINCESS- January 27– February 6, 2012 - Sailing round trip from Ft. Lauderdale to Antigua, St. Lucia, Barbados, St. Kitts, St. Thomas & Princess Cay. Cost based on double occupancy - Inside Cabin \$1340 - Oceanview \$1630.

- Balcony \$1975. Rates include bon voyage luncheon, round trip motor coach transportation to Ft. Lauderdale, taxes and fees, and will be escorted by **Fr. Jacob** and a Goldmark World Travel Representative. Deposit of 20% of fare per person due at booking. Final payment due November 2, 2011 Valid passport is highly recommended. For more info, call toll free 1-866-391-7872 or email - goldmarktravel@aol.com.

AROUND THE AREA

- **HAPPILY MARRIED COUPLES:** “Our Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend was the most joyous and stimulating time of our lives. We had the chance to see how each of us needs to love and be loved and it has made such a difference in our relationship ever since”. The next available WWME weekend in this diocese is **August 19-21** at the Franciscan Center, Tampa. For information call (813) 270-7832 or go on-line at www.wwme-tampabay.org.
- **All Cursillistas** are invited to join your brothers and sisters at St. Catherine of Siena Church on **August 8th** to share our journey. Please join us at 7:30 PM following Monday night novena. Remember, Christ is counting on us!
- **The Sisters of St. Clare** cordially invite everyone to join us in celebrating the life and works of our foundress, St. Clare of Assisi. **A Mass of Thanksgiving offered at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 11, 2010** at St. James the Apostle Church, 8400 Monarch Drive Port Richey, Florida. A reception and refreshments will follow.
- **Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament** – Deluxe Coach, lodging and all meals incl. \$335pp. **Sept. 5-8, 2011.** Mass, healing service, catechesis and more in the mountains of Alabama. All day at EWTN and guests on live TV show. For info Anne Marie at 807-5323.
- **You Can Help Your Marriage**— Roughly 25% of surveyed couples say they are “Happily Married” For everyone else, there is Retrouvaille. Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? **Retrouvaille helps couples rebuild their marriages.** For information or to register for the Retrouvaille of Tampa Bay program beginning with a weekend on **August 12-14**, call Barry and Faith Peterson at 727-842-7971, or 800-470-2230. You may also visit our web site at <http://www.retrouvaille.org>.
- **40+ Catholic Singles** will gather for a reflection on the Gospel by Deacon Ben Hooks followed by a social on **the last Friday of the month** from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m. at Christ The King Parish, 821 South Dale Mabry Highway, Tampa on the second floor of the Mary Martha House. Please bring hors d'oeuvres to share. Contact Darlene at dyyetta@aol.com or call Anne 813-876-9823.
- **ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY OFFERS FREE MEDICATION** - The St. Vincent de Paul Society assists people of all ages, on long term medications. The program helps those with limited income and limited or no prescription insurance coverage. It also makes available health care resources in the community. Medications are obtained directly from the pharmaceutical companies at no cost. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CALL THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL AT **727-868-8160**.