22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” - Mt 16:24b-25

We keep the following people in our prayers:

Katie Doyle
Joan Bradford
Robert French

We are updating our Prayer List.

To be added again to the Parish Prayer List, please contact the Parish Office by phone at 360-691-2636 or by email at admin@hccclakestevens.org.

...and those whom we hold silently in our hearts.
We also pray for the repose of the souls of:

- Gene Muhlerr
- Patricia Taylor
- David Balbirona
- Lorraine De Lost
- Sylvan De Lost
- Pablo Rodriguez
- Lucio Zabalza
- Marjorie Kelly
- Jim Shields
- Elsa Figueroa
- Karla Baca
- Olga Prieto
- Lydia Galvan
- Juana Macias
- Ermelinda Rosario Brito
- Michelle Niesen
- Alfredo Ramirez
- Jose Mendoza Arrizon
- Leonardo Marin
- James Kussy
- Charlotte Stickney
- Luz Elena Guitron
- Josefina Guitron
- Maria Amelia Blanco Reyes
- Lydia Galvan
- Blanca Cecilia de la Torre
- Robert (Butch) Sankovitch
- Diane Colello
- Samuel Egging
- Ramon Barraza-Cereceres
- Bob Wahlstrom
- Terry Miranda
- Marilyn Smith
- Melynda Zurita
- Jose Mendoza Arrizon
- Daniel Aquino
- Dean Hegge

If you would like to place a name on our prayer lists please contact the parish office by phone or email admin@hccclakestevens.org

Financial Report for August 25 - August 31 2020:

- Sunday Envelopes (38): $ 2,807.00
- Sunday Loose Donations: $ 129.42
- TOTAL: $ 2,936.42

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

★ Kyle Witte
Solomo Crossley ★ Christopher Ames
Shane Hutzenbiler ★ Matthew Hutzenbiler
Joe Keim ★ Daniel White
Christian Bloomquist ★ Jonathan Stafford
Scott Arreola-Tialavea ★ Christian Mylett ★ USN Sailors
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- Brian Doyle—Knights of Columbus Council 13560
- Marcella Rockenbach—Adult Bible Study

Please Note
- OUR OFFICE IS OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.
- Please call ahead if you need to arrange to meet with a parish staff member or Fr. Jay.
- All office visitors must wear a mask and maintain 6’ feet social distance. Thank you!

Mass Times

Sunday Masses
Phase 2 - Mass inside the church

If you wish to pre-register, please call 360-691-2636 (opt. 4)

Saturday, 5:00 PM English
Sunday, 8:00 AM Spanish
Sunday, 9:30 AM English
Sunday, 11:00 AM Spanish

Limit 100 persons each Mass
Plus 50 in Overflow

Health screening questions
Attendees must wear masks
Observe social distance of 6 feet

You can also watch the Mass on Facebook Live
or view afterwards at www.hccclakestevens.org

DAILY MASS
& WEEKDAY DEVOTIONS

No registration required, but space is limited to 30 people. You will need to check in and wear a face covering.

Schedule:

Wednesday     8 am Mass
              4-6 pm Adoration and Confession
              6 pm Mass
Thursday      8 am Mass
              12 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Friday        8 am Mass
Nobody wants to suffer and no one wants a good friend or family member to suffer. Peter's reaction is obvious. Peter was not able to understand the words of Jesus and did not understand the concept of the resurrection. He focused only on the death of his friend. So, it is not a surprise when Peter said: “God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you.”

But, Jesus insisted that He would have to suffer and in addition, the disciples would have to go through the same. We are left confused with the aspect of suffering. Is Jesus saying that suffering is a good thing in itself? We know that many saints in the past believed that suffering was part of the reward for following Jesus. Many times these people came to believe that the body and all material things were bad. Today, we know that God has created us body and spirit. And that both parts are part of the creation of his hands. We also see creation as holy and reflecting our creator.

I believe a better understanding of the readings of today is that we are called to an intimate relationship with God, and the price of fidelity is often suffering. In Jeremiah's example, we hear the lament of the prophet. He did not want to serve as a prophet, and after accepting the mission, he saw that the people were not listening to his words. He suffered humiliation and rejection. He wanted to leave his mission. But he had to go on, because God's call was like a blazing fire within his heart. Jeremiah did not seek suffering, but he accepted it as the price of his faithfulness to God.

In the gospel, the disciples were delighted with the words and miracles of Jesus. But Jesus calls them to go deeper in their relationship with him. He teaches them that sacrifice and suffering is part of being a disciple. He is not saying that suffering is a good thing, but that it is part of a faithful life. Accepting the role of apostle is accepting the reaction of people who do not want to receive Jesus. The followers of Jesus suffer the consequence of their choice to follow Jesus. Suffering was the destiny of Jesus and Suffering will be the fate of the disciples.

Let me give you some examples. There is no father or mother who does not suffer because of their children. There is no doctor or nurse who does not suffer because of their patients. There is no civic servant that does not suffer because of its people. It is not that they seek suffering, but it is the price of staying faithful. If we remain faithful, suffering will come. It is the price of caring and loving another.

Saint Paul says it so well today: "Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect."

This is our hope for today. We pray that we may remain faithful to our Lord and remain faithful in our love and care for others. This is the cross we are asked to carry. It is the cross of love.
Prayer to begin a School Year

God of wisdom and might,
We praise you for the wonder of our being,
For mind, body, and spirit.
Be with our children as they begin
A new school year.
Bless them and their teachers and the school staff.
Give them strength and grace
As their bodies grow;
Wisdom and knowledge to their minds
As they search for understanding;
And peace and zeal to their hearts.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Archdiocese of Seattle Catholic Schools
begin on August 31

Lake Stevens and Granite Falls public school districts
begin on September 2

A Prayer for those Seeking Work

God, our Father, I turn to you seeking your divine help and guidance as I look for suitable employment.

I need your wisdom to guide my footsteps along the right path, and to lead me to find the proper thing to say and do in this quest. I wish to use the gifts and talents you have given me, but I need the opportunity to do so with gainful employment.

Do not abandon me, dear Father, in this search, but rather grant me this favor I seek so that I may return to you with praise and thanksgiving for your gracious assistance.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Children’s Faith Formation

BAPTISM OF INFANTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN

+ The Sacrament of Baptism of Infants and Young Children (under age 7) is normally celebrated on Sundays throughout the year at regular Mass times. During this time of Covid-19, baptisms are being celebrated privately.

+ Baptisms are now being scheduled for Saturdays in August. Contact the parish office for preparation materials and baptism request form. Once the forms and preparation have been completed, you will be contacted with available dates and times.

+ Preparation is required for parents if this is their first child being baptized, their first child being baptized at Holy Cross, or it has been more than 3 years since the last child’s baptism.

+ Preparation for godparents is encouraged but not required. Godparents must be baptized, confirmed Catholics in good standing. Only one godparent is required. If you choose two godparents then one is a man and one is a woman. Godparents may not be the same as the parent of the child and must be at least 16 years old.

+ A copy of the child’s birth certificate is requested.
+ Preparation is available in Spanish or English. Call 360-691-2636 for an appointment.

First Communion

Open to Baptized Catholic children age 7+ and in 2nd grade or higher
Registration for the 2020-2021 group is now open online at www.hccclakestevens.org — select Children’s RE to begin registration

Registration is now open! Registration period ends August 31!

Children Age 7+ who need Baptism should be registered in our RCIA for Children & Youth Program
Please contact LeeAnn at the parish office for more information.
360-691-2636

YouCat for Kids

148. How can I pray in the evening?

Thank about the past day. Thank God for everything he has given you. Ask his pardon for your sins. Ask God for his blessing and say good night to him.

It is best if you speak with God in your own words. If you are too tired, you can also say one of the following prayers:

“Thank you God for a lovely day, for sun and rain, for work and play, for all my family and friends, and for your love, which never ends Amen.”

“All this day your hand has led me, And I thank you for your care; You have warmed me, clothed me, fed me; Listen to my evening prayer.”

“May my sins be all forgiven; Bless the friends I love so well; Take me, Lord, at last to heaven, Happy there with you to dwell.”

“Jesus, tender Shepherd, hear me: Bless your little child tonight; Through the darkness be you near me. Keep me safe till morning light. Amen.”
YOUTH CONFIRMATION

- Student Packets pick up after all Masses 8/29, 8/30, 9/5, 9/6
- Drive up and give your student’s name to pick up materials
- Check in online each week for video lessons
- Check email weekly for class announcements

Registration for the 2020-2021 group is online at www.hccclakestevens.org — select Youth Confirmation to begin registration.

Registration period ends August 31!

LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 6

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN’S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONFIRMATION—FOR YOUTH & ADULTS

HOW TO REGISTER:
GO TO THE PARISH WEBSITE HCCCLAKESTEVENS.ORG

Select Children’s RE, Youth Confirmation, or Adult Confirmation to begin registration online.

You can also make your donation for these programs through our OSV Online Giving link.

Registration period ends August 31

Questions? Contact LeeAnn Balbirona at 360-691-2636 or email at youth@hccclakestevens.org

Preguntas en español? Comuníquese con Alicia Ramirez al 360-691-2636 o admin@hccclakestevens.org
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Ongoing Inquiry into the Catholic Faith is available. This is for persons who are seeking baptism in the Catholic Church. It is also for those already baptized in another Christian Tradition who are seeking full communion with the Catholic Church through the Profession of Faith Preparation for the reception of the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist are included. If you are over 18 years old and have an interest in preparing for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Communion in the coming year, contact RCIA Director Carmella Barger at: 425-478-4269 or adultfaith@hccclakestevens.org

Adult Confirmation

- Open to Baptized Catholic adults age 18+ (and not in high school) who have never received the Sacrament of Confirmation
- Program begins September 1
- Instruction will be online and at-home reading
- First Communion Preparation is also available for Adult Catholics who have never received this instruction and received the Eucharist
- Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be given

Registration for the 2020-2021 group is now open online at www.hccclakestevens.org — select Adult Confirmation to being registration

Registration is now open! Registration period ends August 31!

Lectio Divina for Sunday, August 30, 2020
Matthew 16:21-27

(see related article for full format)

Own Word or Phrase: What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly. How can I grow in gratitude for Jesus’ suffering and the salvation it brought? What daily difficulties or struggles can I offer to the Lord? What does it mean to me to suffer for the sake of another?

You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do. When do I place the world’s values above God’s commandments? How can I learn to discern what God wants from me?

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. What does it mean to carry a cross? What cross do I need to bear? How can I give of myself to help others bear their crosses?

-Adapted from Lectio Divina of the Gospels for Liturgical Year 2019-2020, USCCB
Lectio Divina - an invitation

Lectio Divina or “divine reading” is a process of praying with scripture, engaging with Christ, dialoguing with the Word of God. It can be done individually or with a small group. There are four steps. Reading (Lectio), we hear what God says through scripture. Mediation (Meditation), we take it into our hearts and reflect on it. Prayer (Oratio), we speak as we offer our prayer in response. Contemplation (Contemplatio), we rest and listen to God’s message to us. The process is opened and closed in prayer. This prayer form is an excellent way to prepare for the Sunday Liturgy.

**Opening Prayer:** Sign of the Cross or my own words of recognition of the presence of Christ.

**Reading (Lectio)**

I read a short Scripture passage, such as the Sunday Gospel.

**Meditation (Meditatio)**

I reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions.

+ What word or phrase in this passage caught my attention?
+ What in this passage comforted or challenged me?

**Prayer (Oratio)**

I read the Scripture passage again. I bring to the Lord the praise, petition, lament, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in me.

**Contemplation (Contemplatio)**

I read the Scripture one more time. I reflect and listen to our Lord. What conversion of mind, heart, and life is being asked of me?

**Closing Prayer:** The “Our Father” or any other prayer of gratitude from my heart.

Consider writing in your journal and/or share with a trusted friend or family member. Small groups are forming for those who would like to participate in a virtual experience. Frequency and meeting times/formats will be determined by group interest. The first group will begin in September.

**Contact Carmella Barger at**

adultfaith@hccclakestevens.org or 425-478-4269.
Holy Cross Outreach
Emergency Food Distribution & Utilities Assistance

**Curbside Pickup**

Tuesdays 2-4 PM
and
Thursdays 10 AM-12 PM

Clients needing assistance with Utility bills, please call and leave a message at 360-691-2273.

During Outreach hours, please call the parish office for assistance, 360-691-2636

Email us at outreach@hccclakestevens.org

Holy Cross Outreach emergency food distribution welcomes your donations of canned and boxed foods and toiletries. Call ahead to arrange drop off time: 360-691-2636

Our bags contain:
- **Canned foods**: fruit, vegetables, tomato sauce, soups, tuna
- **Boxed foods**: cereals, macaroni, pasta
- **Bagged dry goods**: rice, dry peas/beans/lentils, ramen noodles
- **Toiletries**: soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, laundry soap, dish soap, toilet paper, deodorant, razors —*individually wrapped items preferred*
LAKE STEVENS
COMMUNITY FOOD BANK
DISTRIBUTION SITES
http://www.lakestevensfoodbank.org/

CONTACT: Stephanie Sherry
(425) 334-3430
info@lakestevensfoodbank.org
PO Box 1031
Lake Stevens, WA 98258

TUESDAYS, 5:30-6:30 PM
North End Distribution Center
Assembly of God Church
9805 31ST PL NE
Lake Stevens, WA 98258

WEDNESDAYS 3:00-5:00 pm
South End Distribution Center
Calvary Chapel Lake Stevens
9428 4th St SE
Lake Stevens, WA 98258

THURSDAYS, 1:30-6:00 pm
Main Location
Ebenezer Lutheran Church
2111 117TH AVE NE
Lake Stevens, WA 98258

SATURDAYS, 10 am-12 pm
West Lake Location
The Lake Church
9015 Vernon Road, Suite 10
Lake Stevens, WA 98258

GRANITE FALLS
COMMUNITY COALITION
DISTRIBUTION SITES
http://www.granitefallscommunitycoalition.org/

Need a ride to the food bank?
Call 360-691-4253 (leave message)

2nd & 4th WEDNESDAYS,
3:00-5:00 pm
The Father’s House Foursquare Church
402 S. Granite Avenue
Granite Falls, WA 98252

1st & 3rd & 5th WEDNESDAYS,
11:30 am-1:30 pm
Wind of Joy Church
20721 Canyon Drive
Granite Falls, WA 98252

More Food Banks in Lake Stevens & Granite Falls
All locations are curbside pickup only
WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 2020
SUN 8/30  Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
MON 8/31  1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 [97]/Lk 4:16-30
TUE 9/1    1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 [17]/Lk 4:31-37
WED 9/2    1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 [12]/Lk 4:38-44
THR 9/3    1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [1]/Lk 5:1-11
FRI 9/4    1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Lk 5:33-39
SAT 9/5    1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21 [18]/Lk 6:1-5
SUN 9/7    Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 2020
Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Thursday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY
Inspiration for the week
Secular problems require savvy secular solutions. We are trained to solve problems, be successful and productive, and find our way through all that life presents to us. Corporations value those who can decipher the best avenue to take in order to resolve an issue. How do you train and renew your mind? Facts, figures, scientific tools, analytical processes, best practices, and models of varying kinds are at our disposal. If we don’t know the full and proper course of action, we can easily find it. But there is a knowledge that goes far beyond all these things that makes a direct claim on the essence of our being. It satisfies a deeper thirst and hunger that keeps us restless until it is satisfied. Our minds, hearts, and souls cannot only be nurtured purely by secular and temporal things. We must seek the enlightenment that comes from God. This allows us to see the value of suffering in order to achieve a greater good and the losing of our very self in the service of something greater. Faith only makes sense if it can bring us to this heightened awareness.