

Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Community

*We come together in our common faith as God's Holy People.
Strengthened by the Word of God and His sacraments,
we go forth in faith to love and serve one another.*



Do Catholics adore images?

Let us talk about our faith.

It is true that almost all of the churches that we visit or go to worship God have images. But these images are not center or reason to worship. The images were created originally in the Catholic Church to help people in catechesis to understand better the life of God, Jesus, and saints. The stained glass windows, for example, helped people to know much better the life of Our Lord Jesus Christ because the Bible was read only by the clergy, monks, scholars, and very important people,

such as kings. Do we have images in our churches? Yes, but we do not adore them. We see the saints as referents* for our lives. If these men and women were able to go to Heaven, following Christ and each one of His commands, we will be also able to go to the house of our Heavenly Father. God calls us to Holiness. There are many biblical texts in which we can find how God invites all of us to be holy. I am only going to talk about two of them. The first one is found in Leviticus 19:1-2, "The LORD said to Moses: Speak to the whole Israelite community and tell them: "Be holy, for I, the LORD your God, am holy." The second one is in Matthew 5:48, be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." In other translations we can read "Be holy, just as your heavenly Father is holy." Both translations have the same meaning, to imitate the holiness and perfection of God, our Father.

Besides this, we have the images of the saints because we believe they are in heaven and can intercede for us. In the Apostles Creed we say, "I believe in... the communion of saint." That communion means the saints are now with God in Heaven. For this reason, we have saints for each day, in which we celebrate the Eucharist in their honor. I want to highlight this: they can intercede for us, but they are not God; therefore, we do not adore images, but the images remind us that the saints are in heaven and intercede for each one of us.

Remember! The Catholics do not adore images. The only one who is adored is God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Fr. Jorge Ramirez

* the thing or idea that a symbol, word, or phrase denotes or refers to

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9-27-2020

**Ordinary Time
Mass Schedule**
*(see inside for any
Holy Day schedule
changes)*

Daily Mass

St. Michael

**M, T, Th, &F @8am
Wednesday - Noon**

and

St. Januarius

M/T/Th @8am

Weekend Mass

Saturday

**5pm - St. Michael
&**

Sunday

**9:30 am - St. Michael
10 am - St. Januarius**

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www.facebook.com/
ourladyofthelakescc/](https://www.facebook.com/ourladyofthelakescc/)**

**Volunteers to sanitize
Church after Mass
urgently needed.
Contact the Parish
Office to volunteer.**

Mass Intentions

To request Mass intention please call Parish Office

Sunday 9/27/2020 9:30am @ St. M 10am @ St. J	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St M) † John & Polly Sheridan <i>by family</i> (St J) † Joe & Marie Kopylczak <i>by Calvin & Theresa Barnes</i>
Monday 9/28/2020 8am @ St. J & St. M	(St J) <i>intention available</i> (St M) <i>intention available</i>
Tuesday 9/29/2020 8am @ St. J & St. M	Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels (St J) <i>intention available</i> (St M) for our special intentions <i>by private request</i>
Wednesday 9/30/2020 Noon @ St. M	St. Jerome, Priest and Dr. of the Church (StM) † Ambrose Cook <i>by Mary Anne & Richard Gubin</i>
Thursday 10/1/2020 8am @ St. J & St. M	St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Dr. of the Church (St J) <i>intention available</i> (St M) <i>intention available</i> (StM) <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Friday 10/2/2020 8am @ St. M	The Holy Guardian Angels (St J) <i>intention available</i> (St M) <i>intention available</i>
Saturday 10/3/2020 5pm @ St. M	(StM) † Eileen & Jim Townsend <i>by Anne & Kent Salisbury</i>
Sunday 10/4/2020 8am @ St. P 9:30am @ St. M 10am @ St. J	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Respect Life Sunday (St. P) † Catherine & son James Parker <i>by Ed Parker</i> (St M) † Corry Stork <i>by Gary & Carleen Pierce</i> (St J) † Walt Zerrahn <i>by Chris Zerrahn</i>

Prayer requests:

Paul Leavitt / Steve / Mateo Tobar / Casey Doran / Dolores Lang / Maureen Doran Hendrix / Mary Doran / Kathy Stowell / Paul Hines / Daniel Ramirez / Marc DeMoras / Baby Claire Elizabeth / Sue Hanchowski / Cynthia Thompson / Baby Harper / Dave Grover / Laura Baum / Frank Stowger / Kathy Haight / Mickie Christensen / Patricia Curtin / Evie Worth

(Please contact the parish office via phone or email to update/add/delete names from the prayer listing.)

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Streaming Mass Schedule

<https://www.facebook.com/ourladyofthelakescc/>

Daily Mass - 8 am M/T/Th/Fr

Saturday - 5 pm at St. Michael

Sunday - 8 am at St. Patrick

Only 1 service will be 9:30 am at St. Michael
10 am at St. Januarius

Please review our protocols and procedures for attending Mass during this pandemic on our Facebook Page

<https://ourladyofthelakescc.org/bulletins-and-news/>

If you have any questions or to receive a copy of these guidelines by mail, please contact the parish office at 315-536-7459.

REMEMBER IF YOU ARE AT RISK, YOU ARE NOT UNDER THE OBLIGATION OF ATTENDING MASS.

If you are in disagreement with these mandatory guidelines please continue to worship at home.

To reserve your spot(s) at Weekend Mass
315-536-7459

If you have not been receiving the weekly email with the bulletin, or would like to receive a mailed bulletin, please contact the office so that we can get you on our mailing / emailing list.

OUR LADY OF THE LAKES
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

*Adoration of
the Blessed
Sacrament*

Come to worship the
Lord

THURSDAYS AFTER 8:00
A.M. MASS UNTIL NOON

At St. Michael's Church in
Penn Yan

To volunteer to assist please contact
M. Hanchowski (flxgrl@earthlink.net)



Readings for September 27, 2020 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

<https://ltp.org/ahw>

Adult Faith Questions ♦ When things we don't understand happen, we sometimes feel like God is unfair. Here, the Lord asks that we look at our own ways and judge them fair or unfair. What is your reaction to this? Are you ever unfair in the manner of the Israelites? ♦ Paul calls upon the church at Philippi to be "of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing." Is this injunction possible? Why or why not? How does it remain relevant for the Church today? ♦ The Gospel demonstrates that it is not enough simply to know the right thing; we have to also do the right thing. What do you think of Jesus' exhortation the end of the passage? How might his listeners have reacted? How do you react?

Activities ♦ Sometimes Christians blame other people they think are sinful for God's actions, saying that God's actions are intended to punish people. This is not how Catholics understand God. God does not send natural disasters or epidemics to punish sinners. Can you think of claims such as those? Why would mature Christians reject such thinking? Write your thoughts in your journal. ♦ Think of a time when you changed your mind about someone or something. Discuss with a friend or write in your journal about how the change happened. Was it gradual, or all at once? Were you reluctant to admit the change to others, or were you comfortable with it? In hindsight, do you detect God's work in that change?

Family Faith Questions ♦ The people are claiming that they do what they do because of their parents. Do you ever blame others rather than taking responsibility for your actions? When? What would God like you to do? ♦ Paul says that we should not be selfish or act out of "vainglory." What does that mean for you personally? For your family? ♦ In the Gospel, we hear a story about people who were quick to believe and people who were slow to believe. Who are the people Jesus says were quick to believe? Slow to believe? What is the lesson for all of us?

Activities ♦ God asks us to turn from things that are wicked and instead do "what is right and just." What are the "wicked" things you must turn from? What would be a "right and just" thing to do? Discuss your answers to this question, and take action this week. ♦ Has anyone ever said to you, "You need an attitude adjustment"? How has your attitude been lately? What behaviors are part of having a bad attitude? What kind of attitude would God like us to have toward one another? Pray the Hail Mary together this week. ♦ In the Gospel, two sons are asked to do their father's will. What do they do? Who does the father's will? How do you react when your mother or father asks you to do something? Read the Fourth Commandment together. How are parents acting with the authority God gave them?

Christian Initiation Group Questions ♦ God is responding to people who are claiming that they are behaving as they are because of their parents. The Lord says no; humans are responsible for their own actions. What does this observation mean in your life? ♦ Paul is speaking to his much-loved community at Philippi. He charges them to be unified in thought "of the same mind, with the same love" and also to have in them "the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus." This is a very high standard. How is it even possible for humans to emulate Christ's example? ♦ In the Gospel, the priests and elders demonstrate that they know the right answer to Jesus' question, and yet they cannot seem to act on it. Why is that? How is that part of the human condition? What is required to overcome this sort of resistance?

Activities ♦ Read all of chapter eighteen of Ezekiel to place this Sunday's reading in its rich, fuller context. ♦ Former mayor of New York Ed Koch used to ask the people, "How'm I doin'?" This is a good question for each of us to ask, both as individuals and, in view of Paul's call for unity of mind, as communities. Write your thoughts in your journal. ♦ Take a sheet of paper and divide it into two columns. At the top of one, write, "What I say." At the top of the other, write, "What I do." See where there is harmony and where there is dissonance. Use the Serenity Prayer to pray about these matters: "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference."

CIVILIZE IT



DIGNITY BEYOND THE DEBATE

2020

Our USCCB launched an initiative called, "Civilize It" in November of 2019, a year ahead of our now imminent national election. As the bishops state in Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship (FCFC), "The Church calls for a different kind of political engagement: one shaped by the moral convictions of well-formed consciences and focused on the dignity of every human being, the pursuit of the common good, and the protection of the weak and the vulnerable." (FCFC, no. 14) Next week you will see some ideas on how to form conscience. Begin praying the following prayer:

A Prayer for Civility,

based on the Prayer of St. Francis:

"Lord make me an instrument of your peace. Where uncivil words prevail, show me how to model love. Help me to remember the God-given dignity of all and invite others to do the same. Show me how to build bridges and not walls and seek first what unites us rather than how we diverge. Let me seek to understand before asking to be understood. Give me a listening heart filled with empathy & compassion. May I be clear in sharing my own position and respectful and civil in describing those of others. Let me never tolerate hateful ideas. May I invite all to charity and love. Lord help me to imitate your compassion & mercy. Make me an instrument of your peace. Amen." Inspired by "Nine Rules for Civility from the Catholic Tradition" by Bishop Zubik.

PRAYER - author unknown

Lord Jesus,

I give you my hands to do your work.

I give you my feet to go your way.

I give you my eyes to see as you do.

I give you my tongue to speak your words.

I give you my mind that you may think in me.

I give you my spirit that you may pray in me.

Above all, I give you my heart that you may love in me your Father and all humankind.

I give you my whole self that you may grow in me, so that it is you, Lord Jesus,

who live and work and pray in me.

Amen



"...conscience is the voice of God resounding in the human heart, revealing truth and calling us to do what is good while shunning what is evil." (FCFC #17)

Forming our consciences takes time and consideration.

Try these ideas to help form yours:

1. Begin by being open to the truth and what is right.
2. Get into God's Word and the teachings of the Church.
3. Examine the facts and background information about various choices; be discerning in where information comes from.
4. Prayerfully reflect to discern God's will. Learn the Church's teachings about the subject.
5. Pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and seek advice from trusted leaders.
6. Regularly examine your conscience; listen for God's response.

Did you miss the first session of Theology on Taps (Yummy food with teaching about the Saints)? Use this link to sign up for other monthly opportunities: <https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07eh968t2w7bd25fa8&oseq=&c=&ch=>



Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Community needs your help. The parish, since this pandemic started, has been streaming the Eucharist through our facebook page @ourladyofthelakescc.

The parish invested in a new camera to continue to stream the Masses at St. Michael's Church, even when the pandemic is over. Therefore, we need some volunteers who will help us to operate the equipment we use to stream the Masses.

If you want to help us in this project, please call the parish office 315.536.7459 or called Fr. George 315.878.3332 or email him fr.jorge.ramirez@dor.org. We really appreciate your help.

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Marriage
Holy Orders

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during non business hours

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Or 315-878-3332

To make appointment for Reconciliation or
submit name for Prayer Line

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