AMEN I SAY TO YOU, UNTIL HEAVEN AND EARTH PASS AWAY, NOT THE SMALLEST LETTER OR THE SMALLEST PART OF A LETTER WILL PASS FROM THE LAW.

MATTHEW 5:18

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 16, 2020

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Being part of Something Greater.
This weekend we begin our annual Our Catholic Appeal (OCA) in which our Bishop asks us to remember the needs of the larger Diocese to which we belong. You can see from the chart on the other half of this page where the money goes. More than half of it goes towards what most of us would think of as specifically religious purposes – training future priests, Schools, the Marriage Tribunal, Liturgy and the training of Liturgical ministers and the like. But of course these areas need an infrastructure in which to function and this is where most of the remainder goes – building, human resources, links to the Catholic Church throughout the US and the world.

Since it is our primary experience of Church most, of us tend to think of the parish as the basic unit of our religion. In fact, it is the Diocese, united with one bishop. Pastors and Associates are here to represent the bishop – holy as he is, he hasn’t achieved bi-location yet!

A thriving parish needs a thriving Diocese and vice versa. If the parish tries to be an island unto itself it is headed for disaster. If a Diocese thinks of itself as all that matters it becomes removed from the lives of those it is there to serve. As you have listened to the bishop in his video presentation, please take a moment or two to pray about how you should respond. As always, we ask those of you who are only here for part of the year to make a donation which reflects that – if you’re here for 4 months that’s a third of the year so we would suggest that you consider donating a third of your annual Church giving to OCA.

Our goal for this year is $55,000 which, given the amazing generosity of the people of St. Luke is very do-able.

May God bless you and keep you and shower His blessings upon you.

Fr. Robert.
Ministries that support every parish and school

- **Leadership & Parish Life – 22%**
  Vocations & Seminarian Education, Clergy Formation, Permanent Diaconate, Bishop’s Office, Liturgy, Liturgical Music, Consecrated Life, Tribunal, Ministry to Senior Priests, Ministry to International Priests

- **Discipleship & Stewardship – 14%**
  Parish, School and Diocesan Development Services

- **Education – 13%**
  Catholic Schools, Mission Office/Sister Diocese of San Juan de la Maguana, San Pedro Spiritual Development Center

- **Human Dignity & Solidarity – 13%**
  Bishop Grady Villas, Catholic Charities of Central Florida, Farmworkers Ministry, Tourism Ministry

- **Ecclesiastical Properties – 10%**
  Cemeteries, Design & Construction, Facilities Management, Real Estate, Security

- **Laity, Family & Life – 8%**
  Children’s Ministry, Family Ministry, Catholic Campus Ministry, Multicultural Ministry, Youth Ministry, Adult Ministry, Mission Integration

- **Financial Services – 7%**
  Finance, Information Technology, Parish Shared Accounting Services, Printing & Distribution, Risk Management

- **Human Resources – 5%**
  Parish, School and Diocesan Human Resources, Victim Assistance, Safe Environment Certification

- **State & National Outreach – 4%**
  United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops, Southeast Pastoral Institute

- **Communications – 4%**
  Archivist, Communications, Florida Catholic Newspaper, Faith Fit App

**2020 Appeal Goal $15,450,000**
About Our Parish

Pastor
Fr Robert Mitchell
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Deacon
Steven Guess

Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil Mass
4:00 pm

Sunday Mass
8:00 am & 10:00 am
(Nov thru April)

Daily Mass
Monday through Friday
8:00 am
Saturday 9am

Parish Office Hours
Monday—Thursday
8:30 am—4:30pm
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St Luke Catholic Church Offers:

Religious Education: Sundays from Sept to May (must be registered)

Choir: Rehearsals every Wednesday 4:30pm
Sept to May (All are welcome)

Thrift Store: Open Thurs thru Saturday 9am to 2pm (772-664-4007)
(pickup & delivery available)

Adoration: Thursdays after 8am Mass

Reconciliation: Saturdays 3:15pm to 3:45pm & Thursdays 8:30am after Mass

Baptisms & Marriage: Contact Office

Rosary Prayer: Daily before Mass (weekdays 7:30am & weekends 20 minutes after the hour)

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 16, 2020

What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him, this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.

— 1 Corinthians 2:9-10

CHOICE

“If you choose you can keep the commandments,” Sirach tells us. God “has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand” (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries.

In today’s reading from Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior.

Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well.

Jesus said:
“If you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you,
leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother.”

Matthew 5:23-24

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**Monday February 17**
8 am † Mary Alchermes  
by: Dick Coyne

**Tuesday February 18**
8 am † Barry Stokes  
By: wife Vera

**Wednesday February 19**
8 am † Barry Stokes  
By: sister in law Helen

**Thursday February 20**
8 am † Marcia Ann Falotico  
by: Dick Coyne

**Friday February 21**
8 am † Sheila & Dick Vincent  
by: daughter Barb Okeefe

**Saturday February 22**
9 am † Mary Mulone (1st Annv)  
by: sister Gilda Melota  
4 pm † Terry Royce  
by: Bea & Bev Valois

**Sunday February 23**
8 am † Gene Kelly (1 yr Anv)  
by: Family  
10 am † Russell Williamson  
by: daughter Maureen Stoll

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**Mass Intentions for the Week**

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:**  Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76;  
Mk 8:11-13
**Tuesday:**  Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19;  
Mk 8:14-21
**Wednesday:**  Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5;  
Mk 8:22-26
**Thursday:**  Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7;  
Mk 8:27-33
**Friday:**  Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6;  
Mk 8:34 — 9:1
**Saturday:**  1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
**Sunday:**  Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13;  
1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

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**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — God allows us to make choices,  
but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness  
(Sirach 15:15-20).

**Psalm** — Blessed are they who follow the law of the  
Lord! (Psalm 119).

**Second Reading** — God’s wisdom is mysterious  
and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

**Gospel** — Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill  
the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37 [20-22a,  
27-28, 33-34a, 37]).

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**Prayer List...**

Mary Gass, Emily Jones, William Jensen, Christy  
DelFleice, Kathleen Deluca, William Jensen, Chris-  
ty DelFleice, Tim & Gloria Ebert, Rita Zember, Mi-  
chael Vincent, Susan Hoffman, Robert Barney,  
Kathy McArdle, Steven Helt, Helen Tovem, Gard-  
er Family, Constance Hamel, Libby & Miles Bish-

op, Denis Donahue, Tom DePaoli, Ken Zebach,  
Crystal Norvencino, Norma Silverstone, Rick Vin-  
cent, Larry Merner, Kathy Koenig, Mary Tassinari,  
Joseph Pecorella

Names will remain on the prayer list for one  
month...should you want to continue prayer or  
put a name back on please call the office.  
Thank you!
**FLOWERS**

Today's flowers at the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary are given in memory of Tony Masako & Shirley Codd &

Today’s flowers at the statue of St. Joseph are given in memory of Joseph Ritsick by wife Anna

**ETNIC FESTIVAL**

(Italian, Polish, Irish, German & British Heritage Clubs)

Will be held Sunday March 1, 2020
From 9am to 3pm in Building “A” Barefoot Bay

For more information please see
Arnold Redfearn

**THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE**

February 22

In brushing up for “Catholic Jeopardy,” it might help to know that there is only one feast on the calendar for a thing, rather than a person or mystery. It’s for a chair: Saint Peter’s chair in fact.

After the Resurrection, there can be no doubt that the disciples reserved a special place for Simon Peter in the upper room. Later, Peter became the bishop of Antioch in today’s Syria, the place where we were first called Christians. From there, he went to Rome, the center of the Empire, where it is said that Peter sat in a chair in the house of Priscilla and Aquila to instruct his flock. Jesus, in entrusting the keys of the Kingdom to Peter and his successors, entrusted his compassion and mercy to them, and charged them with pointing to the Kingdom of God. Compassion and mercy are to resonate through their teaching.

Since the ancient sign of a teacher is the chair (“disciple” literally means one who sits at the feet of a teacher), Peter’s chair has long been treasured. Today there is a symbolic shrine of Peter’s chair above the main altar of St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome. This monument is the last work of Bernini, a huge bronze throne supported by four doctors of the Church: Augustine and Ambrose from the Western Church, and Chrysostom and Athanasius from the East. High above it is the alabaster window of the descent of the Holy Spirit.

**REMINDER**

If you would like envelopes please fill out a blue & white card in the vestibules and drop in offertory basket or turn into the church office.

We can’t order envelopes for you without your information.. Thank you

_God loves a cheerful giver— II Corinthians : 9 verse 7_

_Offertory: $4723 (last yr $5787)
Thrift Shop: $3961
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_God’s word_

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Matthew 4:4
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Your gift to Our Catholic Appeal supports a host of children, youth, college, adult and family ministries. These ministries and sacraments help people and families to be God-centered, rooted in faith and grounded in our Catholic heritage. Each year, more than 50,000 Catholics are served in parish-based catechetical ministries by nearly 370 lay parish ministry professionals, and more than 6,000 catechists and other ministry volunteers.

Gifts to Our Catholic Appeal have raised more than $1.5 million annually for these ministries and sacraments throughout the Diocese of Orlando's nine-county area. Your gift transforms lives and grows our Catholic faith.

In addition to the sacraments, one of the ministries for Catholic couples includes the annual Mass for married Catholics. Good Shepherd parishioners Tomás and Mercedes Díaz have participated in the annual Mass for four years. Married in August 1976 in Guacara, Venezuela, Tomás says they attend “first of all because we believe in marriage. It also renews the commitment we made to Jesus when we were married. It gives us great joy to see the couples who have been married 50, 60, 70 years and still love one another.”

Paul and Robin Ring were married at Divine Mercy Parish in Merritt Island in 1984. It is still their home parish. For the last three years, they have driven to Orlando to honor the Sacrament of Marriage. Today, both the Díaz and Ring families say faith-centered communication has strengthened their marriages and families.

Your gift to Our Catholic Appeal supports other Laity, Family & Life Ministries. They include thousands of baptisms, first communions, confirmations and catechists. Thank you for supporting our parishes, schools and ministries through services made possible by your gift to Our Catholic Appeal. God bless you!

Your support also provides your parishes and schools:
- Annual Workshops and Trainings for Parish Staff
- Human Resources Services
- Construction & Design
- Retreats and Events at San Pedro Spiritual Development Center

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