



Catholic Church of St. Luke

4408 Highway 86 Easley, SC 29642

July 9, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

Last week we looked at the parts and gestures of the Mass common to the priest and lay faithful. This week, the focus is on parts unique to the lay faithful. The offertory song belongs to the faithful -- during this song the priest, assisted by the deacon and servers, prepares the altar and gifts of bread and wine. The "Mystery of Faith" is an acclamation by the lay faithful only.

The Eucharistic Prayer ends with the priest singing or saying "Through him, and with him, and in him ... for ever and ever." Only the people reply "Amen." This is the "great Amen". I leave it for you to find the other 10 times we say Amen, only two of which are spoken by the priest. Amen is an ancient word of assent and commitment. We agree with what has been said, and profess that we plan to change our lives. When the Archangel Gabriel asked if Mary would agree with God's plan for her, she replied "Amen." St. Luke translates this with the words "Let it be done unto me according to your word." She has professed a trust in God's plan, and agreed to do her part. The "Great Amen" and the "Amen" before receiving the Eucharist have exactly the same meaning. God has the plan for Jesus to dwell with us, and even within us. This gift is amazing, and requires a willingness to change any part of our life that does not fit God's ways. When we agree with this, God's Spirit will help us do all kinds of good.

During the homily, the lay faithful sit. Sitting reflects attentive listening. Of course, at the homily we should listen not just to the words spoken by the priest, but also for the quiet voice of God speaking within the heart. When we are really allowing the Mass to be the center of our week, we might hear the rest of the message at any time during the week. Sunday is, of course, the best day for this hearing -- as long as we really dedicate the whole day to God.

Kneeling is a sign of prayer and, or, "adoration" -- the praise that we owe to God and only God. As a sign of both prayer and adoration, the faithful kneel for the Eucharistic Prayer, and during the reception of Communion. We commonly kneel in front of statues as a sign only of prayer. We do not adore statues! In front of the Eucharist we kneel in adoration of Jesus who is present. I suggest that those who cannot kneel should simply sit.

During the blessing at the end of Mass the lay faithful mark themselves with the sign of the cross. In this they receive a blessing from God to empower them for the whole week. Next week we take a look at some gestures that belong only to the priest.

Fr. Jim



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The facilities of St. Luke are available to all ACTIVE parishioners. This includes the use of the church for Baptism, Weddings and other Sacramental events. Active Membership is determined as follows:

1. Registered in the parish for 6 months.
2. Faithful attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.
3. Financial support of the church according to your means.

Baptism: Parents must attend a training class prior to having a child baptized. Please call the parish office to schedule the training.

Marriage: Those contemplating marriage should contact the office at least EIGHT months prior to the wedding date to schedule an appointment with the Priest.

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This Week in Our Parish

Mon	7/10	12:15 PM	Mass @ Holy Cross
Wed	7/12	12:15 PM	Mass @ Holy Cross <i>Fr. Dubrouillet 20th Anniversary</i>
Thu	7/13	9 AM 12:15 PM	Catholic Outreach @ Holy Cross Mass
Fri	7/14	12:15 PM 12:45 PM	Mass @ Holy Cross Eucharistic Adoration @ Holy Cross
Sat	7/15	2:30 PM 4 PM 6 PM	Confession Mass @ Holy Cross Mass † <i>Shirley Strickland</i>
Sun	7/16	9 AM 11:30 AM	Mass Mass @ Holy Cross <i>Fr. Jim</i>

Stewardship Report

July 1-2	\$2546
Growth & Dev.	\$794
Online Giving	\$765

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Readings for Week of July 9

Sun	Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30
Mon	Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26
Tue	Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15; Mt 9:32-38
Wed	Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
Thu	Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 10:7-15
Fri	Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
Sat	Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33
Sun	Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9



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During Mass

Spanish Music Concert: St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Simpsonville invites you to a concert on Wednesday, July 19, at 7 PM, featuring La Voz del Desierto (a voice in the desert). La Voz del Desierto is the music group of the Diocese of Alcalá de Henares in Spain. Come and enjoy an evening of contemporary Catholic music (sung in Spanish). The concert is free, though we will take up a love offering.

Have you registered with the parish? If not, don't delay, register online through our parish website, www.holycrossstluke.org using the 'My Own Church' button. Call or email the parish office if you'd like to receive offertory envelopes.

Please don't forget to notify the parish office if you have a change of address, phone number or email address. If you have a My Own Church account you can make these changes yourself!

Going out of town? To find a church near your favorite vacation spot or business travels, check out www.masstimes.org.

Blessings to Father Jim

as he celebrates the 20th anniversary
of his ordination to the priesthood
on Wednesday, July 12!

We thank you for your faithful
service to the people of God.

