

# Our Lady of Light Parish



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## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 1, 2021

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St. Pascal Baylon

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### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Eve 5pm

Sunday 10am

Monday to Friday: 9am

### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

**Our Lady of Light Parish is a spirit filled Faith community nourished by the Eucharist.**

**Committed to be disciples of Christ, we reach out in good stewardship to the entire Parish and the community at large. We serve God and one another by the values we proclaim.**



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Riverton St. and Baisley Blvd.

### MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8am

Sunday 12noon

Monday to Saturday: 8am

I am the  
*bread*  
of life;

whoever comes to me  
will never hunger,  
and whoever believes  
in me will never thirst.

John 6:35

August 1, 2021

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Mass Intentions for the Week

	<b>Saturday, July 31st</b>
5:00 PM	Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
	<b>Sunday, August 1st</b>
8:00 AM	Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
10:00 AM	Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
12:00 PM	Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
	<b>Monday, August 2nd</b>
8:00 AM	Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
9:00 AM	Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
	<b>Tuesday, August 3rd</b>
8:00 AM	Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
9:00 AM	Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
	<b>Wednesday, August 4th</b>
8:00 AM	Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
9:00 AM	Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
	<b>Thursday, August 5th</b>
8:00 AM	Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
9:00 AM	Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
	<b>Friday, August 6th</b>
8:00 AM	Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
9:00 AM	Parishioners of Our Lady of Light

### THE BREAD OF LIFE

Today's Gospel has the crowd asking Jesus three questions. First, "When did you get here," to which Jesus responds by rebuking them for their failure to grasp his miracle as a "sign," an occasion to put faith in him. Their second question about accomplishing the "works of God" has Jesus respond that faith is the "work" that God wishes. Many scholars believe this is John's answer to the faith-works dichotomy emerging in the early Christian community. Faith is the work of God in the believer, John would have us understand. The third question asked by the crowd is a request for a "sign" that would allow them to put faith in Jesus, as the manna in the desert allowed the Israelites to put faith in the Lord God. Jesus answers by revealing himself as the "bread of life" that "comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The people of Israel receive bread from heaven in response to their grumbling (Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15).

**Psalms** — The Lord gave them bread from heaven (Psalm 78).

**Second Reading** — Put on the new self that has been created in God's way (Ephesians 4:17, 20-24).

**Gospel** — I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger (John 6:24-35).

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### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Barbara Ricketts, Thaina Auguste, Viola Madden  
Beverly Stanton, Deana Roberts, Victor Enemuo  
Marjorie Smalls, Mabel Williams, Charmayne Roberts  
Vera Russell, Shirley Roller, Phyllis Fullerton  
Emelda Cathcart, Yvonne Hendricks, John Johnson, Sr.,  
Gabriel Maitland, Julia Hodges Dorethea Callender, Xavier Auguste, Hollis Ford, Brenda Gibbs, Gemma LaRode,  
Gloria Wynter, Milrod Jones, Leon Hickenbottom,  
Marion Henry, Jeannette Coleman, Alfred Ramirez,  
Albertha Brown, Leonora Best

## Weekly Collections

Masses	#of Adults	#of Children	Collections	
07/26/21				
5:00 PM	24	0	\$606.00	
8:00 AM	77	11	\$980.00	
10:00AM	69	10	\$1,548.00	
12:00 PM	44	8	\$410.00	
Totals	214	29	\$3,544.00	

# ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEWS

## Spiritual Directors

These are the Spiritual Directors for the following groups:

Liturgical-Fr. Mrosso  
Youth Group- Fr. Gazena  
Children- Deacon Torres  
Choir- Deacon Torres  
Altar Servers- Deacon Taylor  
Lectors/Ushers- Deacon Saldana  
Eucharistic Ministers- Fr.Mrosso  
Catechist & Faith Formation- Deacon Saldana  
Rosarians- Deacon Taylor/ Fr. Mrosso  
Knight of Columbus-Deacon Taylor  
Men's Group- Deacon Torres/ Deacon Taylor  
Liturgical Dancers- Deacon Torres  
Bible Study- Fr. Mrosso/ Deacon Taylor  
St. Vincent de Paul- Deacon Torres

## 2021-2022 Calendar

We would like the leader of each society to email the rectory your tentative schedule for September 2021-June 2022 if you are planning to meet in person using either the Church Hall or the Church.

## **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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## Annual Catholic Appeal

We thank all who have participated with a gift to the 2020 Appeal and ask that everyone prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2021 Catholic Appeal. As of 07/26/21 **\$64,570.00 has been pledged**. We have received **\$49,560.00** and **\$15,010.00** is still outstanding. Thank you to everyone who made a pledge. If you have made a pledge for this year's Appeal please remember to fulfill your pledge by December 31st.

The work and services made possible through your donation to the Annual Catholic Appeal help people in Brooklyn and Queens in ways that no one parish can do alone. "WHOEVER SOWS SPARINGLY WILL ALSO REAP SPARINGLY AND WHOEVER SOWS BOUNTIFULLY WILL ALSO REAP BOUNTIFULLY"(2 Corinthians 9:16)

## Hearts to Hands Ministry

The Hearts to Hands Ministry group will resume on Friday, September 10th from 11:00 am to 12 pm. at St. Pascal's parish hall.

## The Activity Coordinating Committee

Thank each of you for making the All White BBQ a special success. Our take in was:

**Intake: \$3,610.00**

**Expense: \$900.00**

**Profit: \$2,700.00**

May God Bless each of you.

## Pilgrimage to Egypt, Jordan and the Holy Land

**WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF FAITH: PILGRIMAGE TO EGYPT, JORDAN AND THE HOLY LAND WITH FR. JEFFRY DILLON. February 18-27(Egypt and Jordan) and the extension to Israel February 27-March 05,2022. For information please call (718) 529-0273 or email [hlpilgrimage@aol.com](mailto:hlpilgrimage@aol.com)**

# NEWS NOTES COMING SOON



August 1, 2021

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### GOD PROVIDES

Today's Gospel is a sequel to last week's account of Jesus feeding a large crowd with five barley loaves and a few fish. Here, Jesus is challenging the crowd to see in the bread they have eaten a sign of God's generosity in providing for all the blessings in their lives, as well as the blessing of life itself. The first reading, from Exodus, recounts how the escaped Hebrew slaves were fed in the wilderness, first with quail, then with manna. The psalm is a later reflection on the manna as the bread from heaven and a blessing from God. The selection from the letter to the Ephesians sketches the image of putting away the "old self" and putting on the new, emphasizing that a person's life in Christ needs to differ from their previous life, just as the life of a free person differs from that of a slave.

### SIGNS AND WONDERS?

Today's Gospel continues into a second day the narrative that had begun the day before when, after crossing the lake to look for Jesus, a large crowd are fed with five barley loaves and two fish. The following day (today's reading), after more lake crossings, the people who had been miraculously fed are again searching for Jesus. However, they do so (as Jesus puts it) "not because you saw signs, but because you ate the loaves and were filled" (John 6:6).

In John's Gospel, the word "sign" has a distinct meaning. At the wedding at Cana, after telling how Jesus turned water into wine, the Evangelist notes "Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs" that "revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him" (John 2:11). For John, signs are not just wonders to behold; they are about the revelation of God and a response of faith in Jesus.

### OR MAYBE THE SIGN IS THE WONDER

When the crowd first arrives, Jesus notes that they had not appreciated the sign that he had already given; they are still focused on their physical hunger. When they ask for a sign, "that we may see and believe in you" (John 6:30), they refer to their ancestors who ate manna in the wilderness. Can Jesus top that? Can he give them more bread that will relieve them of their daily worries about going hungry?

Jesus reminds the crowd that it was not Moses who gave the "bread from heaven," but his Father. Further, the Father can give them the true bread from heaven that comes down and gives life to the world. There is a parallel in the Greek between working for food that perishes and doing the works of God, which is believing in Jesus as the one God has sent. This is the sign that the people missed the day before, the sign that Jesus is pointing out to them.

Like the Evangelist, the Church uses the word "sign" for its sacraments. Like the crowd, we are called to see similar "signs" of God's generosity in all the blessings of our lives.

### TODAY'S READINGS

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15  
Psalm 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54  
Ephesians 4:17, 20-24  
John 6: 24-35

*The bread of God  
is that which comes down from heaven  
and gives life to the world. John 6:33*

## IMPORTANT PARISH REMINDERS

### The Sacrament of Baptism for Infants

Parents may contact the parish office to arrange for the baptism of their child at least one month in advance. Infant Baptisms are held on the third Sunday of the month at one of our weekend masses. Parents must be registered in Our Lady of Light or the parish they attend and participate in a Baptismal Preparation class.

### Religious Education for Children and Youth:

**Location and Times:** Our Parish Faith Formation program takes place on Sunday mornings, online this year. For more information, please contact Lisa Sampson, Director of Faith Formation, at 718 528-1220 or email at [ollightfaithed@gmail.com](mailto:ollightfaithed@gmail.com).

**Ages and Requirements:** Our program welcomes children and youth who are three years old through High School. We accept and prepare children and youth who have not received the Sacraments.

**Parental Responsibilities:** Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, reminds us in his new General Directory for Catechesis that those being catechized can live their life in a simple and spontaneous way. We are called to accompany each other on a journey toward Christ, with parents/guardians taking the lead for their children. In addition to having an active participation in the faith formation of their children, Parents or Guardians are also expected to attend Mass with their children and to attend parental preparations for Sacraments.

**Reception of Sacraments for School Aged Children:** Parents who would like for their child to receive the Sacraments must register them in our parish Sacramental Preparation Program. Our Program requires that children attend and prepare for two complete and consecutive academic years prior to the reception of each Sacrament. The Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion is received beginning in grade 2 and up. The Sacrament of Confirmation requires attendance and preparation in our 2 year Confirmation Sacramental Preparation program. Confirmation preparation begins in grades 7 & 8. For each of the Sacraments, there is an extra fee, to cover the costs of the ceremonies. For more information, please contact, Lisa Sampson Director of Religious Education.

**Reception of Sacraments for Adults (RCIA):** Our Parish offers the RCIA program for those, ages 16 years and older, who are interested in becoming Catholic. It is also for those who have been baptized and in need of receiving the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation. The Rite of Christian Initiation program is offered year- round and is also available for children ages 8 and older through the Rite of Christian Initiation Adapted for Children program. Please contact Lisa Sampson, Director of Faith Formation to register or for more information.

**Continuing Faith Formation for Adults:** Our parish provides opportunities for lifelong faith formation through small faith sharing groups and bible studies. Please check our website, bulletin or contact the Faith Formation Office for more information.

### The Sacrament of Marriage

Since Catholic marriage requires a time of preparation, arrangements should begin at least six months before the proposed date of the wedding to allow for the Marriage Preparation Program. Registered, participating and contributing parishioners, not a third party, may contact the parish office to begin the process.

### Pastoral Care of the Sick

If you are entering a hospital for surgery, experiencing a prolonged or serious illness, or are very weak due to advancement of age, call the parish office to arrange for the Sacraments of reconciliation, communion and anointing at home. We can also arrange for a Eucharistic Minister to continue to visit you with the Blessed Sacrament. We are here to serve you, please call.

### Funerals

The family member or friend handling the funeral arrangements are asked to contact the pastor to arrange a consolation visit from one of the Priests. He will help you with any questions you may have with planning the Wake and Funeral Mass. The Parish wishes to be with you at this moment of need, all other arrangements involving the church must be initiated by the funeral director. Strict adherence to the Roman Catholic Ritual for Funerals will be followed in all parish involved activities..

### Proof of Parish Participation

References and proof of parish residency for both civil and reli-

**Welcome  
New  
Members**



**To all our Visitors:** We hope you felt at home at the Feast of our Lord with your brothers & sister in Christ. We pray you will join us again! Letters proving membership for reference, referrals, recommendations or for any other reason, will only be provided to registered parishioners. **If we don't know you, we can't vouch for you!**

### REGISTRATION

Registration is important in the event you may need testimonial letters, for baptism/confirmation sponsorships, wedding plans etc.! If we don't know you, we can't vouch for you! **Please register TODAY! Thank you!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Envelopes: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt.# \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

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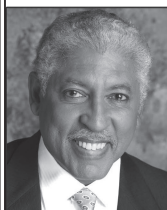
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